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*PRIEST'S BOOK
OF
PRIVATE DEVOTION.*





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*Grandis est Tibi gloria
Tuæ Laudis memoria,
Quam sine fine celebrant
Qui cor ab imis elevant.*

*Hoc ut possimus, Domine,
Præsta in Tuo Nomine:
Sine Quo labor deficit,
Qui nihil digne efficit.*

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Ⓞ Sacerdos, quid es tu ?

Non es a te, quia de nihilo,

Non es ad te, quia mediator ad Deum.

Non es tibi, quia sponsus ecclesiæ,

Non es tui, quia servus omnium,

Non es tu, quia Dei minister,

Quid es ergo ? nihil et omnia,

Ⓞ Sacerdos.

PREFACE.

SINCE the publication of the original edition of these devotions, it has pleased God to take to his rest the elder of the two Compilers, to whom the greater portion of the original matter was due, the late Dr. Oldknow, whose name and labour of love will long be remembered by those to whom he ministered in the Lord. May he rest in peace. *

In consequence of this loss, the labour of rearrangement has fallen upon the surviving Compiler,—a labour only undertaken in deference to the wishes of many who used the original book, but most of the alterations had been already considered before death had removed him, to whom the design of the work was due.

They are chiefly as follows:—

I. The Calendar has been prefixed.

II. The original fragmentary devotions for the Third, Sixth, and Ninth hours have been already superseded in the second edition by an abridgment of all the lesser hours, which had been before widely circulated in a separate form, and found a convenient adaptation for those who were not able to use the original offices in their fulness. The Prayer Book Collects for the whole of the Christian year have now been added, and largely supplemented by Collects from the Parisian, Ambrosian, and other sources, for the Hours, and for the Black Letter Days.

The Benedictio Mensæ and other useful forms have been introduced, and the whole section thoroughly revised and enlarged, in this edition.

III. An additional form both of private Morning and Evening Prayer has been added to the two of each existing in the second edition, as also various forms of Mental and Ejaculatory Prayer, for use during the day, etc., etc.

* A brief but touching letter reached the Editor from his successor, dated from Warwick gaol, expressive of the comfort he had found in the use of this book.

IV. The Eucharistic Devotions have been greatly amplified, and some very beautiful prayers, for use before and after Celebration, have been added from early English sources. The Sarum Thanksgiving has been prefixed to the one, after the Latin use, which was given in the former edition: the devotions for those present during a Celebration have been greatly enlarged, both from our own early Missals, and the primitive Liturgies; ten Meditations are also introduced from another work of the present Compiler—*"The Bread of Life"*—and the well-known hymns "Lauda Syon," "Pange Lingua," etc., appended in the original Latin.

The Editor feels, however, bound to give some explanation of the changes which have been made in the Private Devotions, inserted in the "Order of Administration of the Holy Communion."

These were previously those of the Latin Missal; but it has been repeatedly pointed out of late years, by competent Liturgical scholars, that these forms contain expressions, which it is difficult to reconcile with the Catholic and Primitive Doctrine of the Eucharistic Presence.

The Priests of the Roman Communion are bound by these forms, and much special pleading may be found in their writings, explaining away the difficulties; but it is quite a work of supererogation for Anglicans, who are not committed to such necessity, to involve themselves in responsibilities not justly their own. Therefore these particular prayers have been superseded by others, drawn chiefly from the First Prayer Book of Edward VI., or that most perfect of the Anglican group of Liturgies—The Liturgy of the Non-Jurors, which deserves to be better known and studied than is at present the case. The introduction to the Service—the forms for the Communion of the Priest himself—and a few other prayers at the conclusion are from the Use of Sarum.*

* The Editor should add that these changes were also pressed upon him by many valued correspondents, brother priests who used the former edition.

In supplying forms of devotion for the use of the Celebrant, the present Editor would guard himself against the supposition that he implies the *necessity* of such additions, fully believing as he does, that our own Rite, in its naked simplicity, contains all that is necessary for a valid celebration of the Holy Mysteries.

If time and occasion serve, let none deny such liberty, but at the suggestion of a revered friend, well known as a "Master in Israel," the Editor would caution his younger brethren against undue prolixity at the Altar lest they should afford occasion for distraction to the young, or more ignorant members of their flocks, unaccustomed perhaps to sustained habits of mental prayer.

It had been the intention of the Editor to add a few Rubrics, in addition to those of the Office, drawn from the older rite, which might suffice to put the modern Priest in the position of those Clergy of the olden time, into whose hands, familiar with mediæval tradition, the reformed Office was first placed.

But upon consideration that this is a book for the Private Devotions of the Priest, and not for his direction in his public ministration; and that excellent altar books already exist, suitable in size and typographical character; such as "The Priest to the Altar," "Notes on Ceremonial according to the Use of Sarum," the Editor has withdrawn within his own proper lines and omitted the Rubrics.

V. The Penitential Section of the devotions has also been increased by additional prayers and meditations.

VI. A Section on Meditation has also been added, which the Editor believes will be found very useful. The instructions are a free translation, or rather adaptation, from the Latin of Brusæus—which is prefixed to some editions of Avancini. Only a few examples of meditation are given, because it is the intention of these directions to supply the *method* rather than the *matter*, which will be found abundantly in the storehouse of Holy Writ.

May he be permitted to suggest that it appears to

him, that there can be no better preparation for preaching than the systematic meditation here suggested.

VII. To the Prayers for use in Sickness the Editor has added an adaptation for personal use, of the Order for the Visitation of the Sick, and has included, as requested, the Form for Administration of Holy Unction from the First Prayer Book. The Prayers bearing reference to that Rite in this little volume were added by the originator of the book, and hallowed, the writer believes, by his use in his own last sickness, for which reason he, as the survivor, has carefully retained every Prayer for use in Sickness which was in the original edition.

But the present Editor does not express an opinion as to the lawfulness or advisability of the restoration of a Sacramental rite, which has been called the "lost Pleiad of the Anglican Firmament," on the authority of individual Priests. It may be in God's purpose to restore it lawfully and canonically to us, for which he would devoutly pray.

The Editor has substituted in part the Prayers for the Departed from the first English Prayer Book, for those from the Latin use, feeling that at a time when the hope of once more regaining the (at least permissive) use of that book is set before us, it is well to familiarize ourselves with its language.

There are those amongst us who object to these Prayers, but none who regard the English Church of the present day as the representative of primitive doctrine and worship, can object to their use.

"We have, no doubt," says the venerated soldier of Christ, to whom the Church of England owes so deep a debt of gratitude, Dr. Pusey, "We have no doubt that we may pray," (*i.e.*, for the faithful departed). "For the whole Church *so* prayed much nearer to the time when the beloved disciple left the earth, than many of us are to the early memories of our fathers; and, however, in evil days the public and ritual use of those Prayers was laid aside in the Church of England, yet even a Court of Ecclesiastical Law has formally

decided their lawfulness according to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England. And the departed are, but indistinctly, yet *are* included in our Eucharistic Prayer, that by the merits and death of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His Blood, we and *all Thy whole Church* may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.* I say this, in case any should be *afraid* so to pray. But since it is lawful—what an unspeakable privilege!—it is so cold a thought that we have for the time no more to do with those who loved us here, and whom we loved that, it must needs on that ground, alone, be false, because it is so contrary to love, and yet much more since the Church has always prayed for the departed from the very first. It belongs to the Communion of Saints that they, in the attainment of *certain* salvation, and incapable of a thought other than according to the mind of God, and filled with His love, shall pray and long for us, who are still on the stormy side of the world, our salvation still unsecured, and that we on our side should pray for such things as God in His goodness wills to bestow upon them." †

Many additions have been suggested to the present Editor, which he has adopted, but he has not felt at liberty to increase further the size and price of the book by large additions from a work so accessible as the Book of Common Prayer: such as, *e.g.*, the Epistles and Gospels for the whole Christian year, or the Psalter. If desired, the book might be bound up with the Prayer Book, to which it may be regarded as a companion. It will be found, however, that most of the suggestions made have been adopted.

The letters of many valued correspondents, unknown in some cases personally to the Editor, have borne fruit in these additions, which he submits with all deference to his brethren, trusting that God's

* See page 284, where the suggestion is carried out.

† Addresses to the Companions of the Love of Jesus, page 126—7.

blessing may rest upon his humble labours, without which he will have laboured in vain.

In conclusion, he must borrow the words of his lamented co-adjutor, in the preface to the first edition of 1872.

"This book contains little which is original: it has been compiled with the object of providing, in accordance with the full system of the Catholic Church, and in consistency with the tone and spirit of the Prayer Book, as well for those devotional wants of the Clergy, which they share with their lay brethren, as for those arising from their own peculiar function, and the labour of preparing it has been chiefly one of selection, translation, and arrangement."

In consequence of the additional matter, some few portions contained in the original editions have been omitted as redundant; in nearly every instance these were contributed by the surviving Editor, who has not curtailed, unnecessarily, the work of his departed fellow-labourer. He would wish here to express his gratitude for the assistance and suggestions he has received—particularly to his brother, the Vicar of Wolvercote, who has assisted him greatly in the labour of revising the proof-sheets.

May the surviving Compiler be permitted to request that should any of his brethren find comfort or advantage in the use of this manual, they would occasionally offer a petition on behalf of those by whom it has been compiled, that the one may obtain the grace he so greatly needs, and the other attain his portion and lot where the weary labourer finds repose in the Light of that Presence which shines for evermore.

A. D. C.

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8. S. Lucian, Priest and Martyr at Beauvais, A.D. 290.
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FEBRUARY.

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2. PURIFICATION *of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*
3. S. Blasius, Bishop of Sebaste, in Cappadocia, A.D. 316.
5. S. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr in Sicily, A.D. 251.
14. S. Valentine, Bishop and Martyr at Rome, A.D. 270.
23. Vigil. Fast.
24. S. MATTHIAS, *Apostle and Martyr.*

MARCH.

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21. S. Benedict, Abbot, A.D. 543.
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25. ANNUNCIATION *of the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

APRIL.

3. S. Richard, Bishop of Chichester, A.D. 1253.
4. S. Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, A.D. 397.
19. S. Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, A.D. 1012.
23. S. George, Martyr at Nicomedia, A.D. 303.
25. S. MARK, *Evangelist and Martyr*.

MAY.

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3. The Finding of the Holy Cross, A.D. 326.
6. S. John, before the Latin Gate of Rome, A.D. 95.
19. S. Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, A.D. 988.
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26. S. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, and Martyr, A.D. 258.
29. S. MICHAEL and ALL ANGELS.
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9. S. Denys, Bishop and Martyr at Paris, 273.
13. Translation of the Body of S. Edward the Confessor, A.D. 1066.
17. S. Etheldreda, Virgin, Abbess of Ely, A.D. 679.
18. S. LUKE, *Evangelist and Martyr*.
25. S. Crispin, Martyr at Soissons, A.D. 288.
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28. S. SIMON and S. JUDE, *Apostles and Martyrs*.
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13. S. Britius, Bishop of Tours, A.D. 444.
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17. S. Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, A.D. 1200.
20. S. Edmund, King of East Anglia and Martyr, A.D. 870.
22. S. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr at Rome, A.D. 230.
23. S. Clement, Bishop of Rome, and Martyr, A.D. 100.
25. S. Catherine, Virgin and Martyr at Alexandria, A.D. 307.
29. Vigil. Fast.
30. S. ANDREW, *Apostle and Martyr*.

DECEMBER.

6. S. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, A.D. 342.
8. Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
13. S. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr in Sicily, A.D. 304.
16. O Sapientia.
20. Vigil. Fast.
21. S. THOMAS, *Apostle and Martyr*.
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31. S. Sylvester, Bishop of Rome, A.D. 335.



THE following Commemorations may also be of interest. *a.* signifies the Calendar of the Ven. Bede; *b.* Sarum; *c.* Roman; *d.* Eastern; *e.* Abp. Laud (Scotch P.B.):—

Jan.	11.	S. David, K.	<i>e.</i>
"	17.	S. Anthony, (Hermit).	<i>a. b. c. d.</i>
"	19.	S. Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester.	<i>b. c.</i>
"	20.	S. Sebastian, M.	<i>a. b. c.</i>
"	24.	S. Timothy, B.	<i>c.</i>
"	26.	S. Polycarp, B. & M.	<i>c.</i>
"	27.	S. Chrysostom, B.	<i>c. d.</i>
"	28.	S. Cyril (Alex), B.	<i>e.</i>
Feb.	1.	S. Ignatius, B. & M.	<i>d.</i>
"	18.	S. Colman, B. & C.	<i>e.</i>
March	7.	S. Thomas Aquinas, C.	<i>c.</i>
"	9.	The XL. of Sebaste, M M.	<i>a. c. d.</i>
"	11.	S. Constantine, K.	<i>e.</i>
"	17.	S. Patrick, B.	<i>b. c.</i>
"	19.	S. Joseph (Spouse of the B. V. M.)	<i>c.</i>
"	20.	S. Cuthbert, B.	<i>a. b. c. e.</i>
April	1.	S. Gilbert, B.	<i>e.</i>
"	11.	S. Leo the Great, P.	<i>c.</i>
"	21.	S. Anselm, B.	<i>c.</i>
"	26.	S. Symeon.	<i>d.</i>
May	2.	S. Athanasius, B.	<i>c. d.</i>
"	4.	S. Monica, C.	<i>c.</i>
"	9.	S. Gregory Nazianzen, B.	<i>c.</i>
"	20.	S. Basil, B.	<i>a.</i>
"	25.	S. Adhelm of Salisbury, B.	<i>a.</i>
June	1.	S. Justin Martyr, M.	<i>d.</i>
"	9.	S. Columba, B.	<i>e.</i>
"	10.	S. Margaret (Q)	<i>c. e.</i>
"	16.	S. Osmund of Salisbury, B.	<i>b.</i>
"	19.	SS. Gervasius and Protasius, M.M.	<i>a. b. c.</i>
July	7.	S. Palladius, B.	<i>e.</i>
"	17.	S. Kenelm, M.	<i>b.</i>

Aug.	2.	S. Stephen, P.M.	<i>a. b. c.</i>
"	5.	S. Oswald of Northumbria, K.	<i>b. c.</i>
"	6.	S. Xystus, P.M.	<i>a. c.</i>
"	15.	Falling Asleep of the B. V. M.	<i>d.</i>
"	20.	S. Bernard, A.	<i>c.</i>
"	25.	S. Hilda, V.	<i>e.</i>
"	31.	S. Aidan, B.	<i>c. e.</i>
Sept.	16.	S. Ninian, B.	<i>c.</i>
"	20.	S. Eustace, M.	<i>c.</i>
"	22.	S. Maurice, M.	<i>a. b. c.</i>
"	23.	S. Thecla, V.	<i>b. c.</i>
"	28.	S. Wenceslaus, K.	<i>c.</i>
Oct.	4.	S. Francis of Assisi, C.	<i>c.</i>
	—	S. Edwin, King of Northumbria, M.	
"	10.	S. Paulinus of York, B.	<i>a. c.</i>
"	11.	S. Philip the Deacon.	<i>d.</i>
"	12.	S. Wilfred of York, B.	<i>c.</i>
"	19.	S. Frideswide, V.	<i>b.</i>
"	23.	S. Adamnan, A.	<i>b. c.</i>
Nov.	3.	S. Winifred.	<i>b. c.</i>
"	14.	S. Erkenwald, Bishop of London.	<i>b. c.</i>
"	27.	S. Gregory Thaumaturgus.	<i>c.</i>
Dec.	3.	S. Birinus of Dorchester, B.	<i>c.</i>
	—	S. Francis Xavier.	<i>c.</i>
"	4.	S. Drostane, A.	<i>e.</i>
"	29.	S. Thomas of Canterbury, M.	<i>b. c.</i>



TABLES AND RULES

FOR THE MOVEABLE AND IMMOVEABLE FEASTS : TOGETHER WITH THE DAYS OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE, THROUGH THE WHOLE YEAR.

RULES to know when the Moveable Feasts and Holy-days begin.

EASTER-DAY (on which the rest depend) is always the First Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon, or next after the Twenty-first Day of *March* ; and if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, *Easter-Day* is the Sunday after.

Advent-Sunday is always the nearest Sunday to the Feast of *Saint Andrew*, whether before or after.

<i>Septuagesima</i>	} Sunday is	{	Nine	} Weeks before
<i>Sexagesima</i>			Eight	
<i>Quinquagesima</i>			Seven	
<i>Quadragesima</i>			Six	
Easter.				
<i>Rogation-Sunday</i>	} is	{	Five Weeks	} after Easter.
<i>Ascension-Day</i>			Forty Days	
<i>Whit-Sunday</i>			Seven Weeks	
<i>Trinity-Sunday</i>			Eight Weeks	

A TABLE of all the Feasts that are to be observed in the Church of *England* throughout the Year.

All Sundays in the Year.

The Days of the Feasts of {
 The Circumcision of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
 The Epiphany.—The Conversion of *St. Paul*.
 The Purification of the Blessed Virgin.
St. Matthias the Apostle.
 The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin.
St. Mark the Evangelist.
St. Philip and *St. James* the Apostles.
 The Ascension of our Lord JESUS CHRIST.
St. Barnabas.—The Nativity of *St. John* Baptist.
St. Peter the Apostle.—*St. James* the Apostle.
St. Bartholomew the Apostle.
St. Matthew the Apostle
St. Michael and All Angels.
St. Luke the Evangelist.
St. Simon and *St. Jude*, the Apostles.
 All Saints.—*St. Andrew* the Apostle.
St. Thomas the Apostle.—The Nativity of our Lord.
St. Stephen the Martyr.—*St. John* the Evangelist.
 The Holy Innocents.

Monday and *Tuesday* in *Easter-Week*.

Monday and *Tuesday* in *Whitsun-Week*.

A TABLE

OF THE

VIGILS, FASTS, AND DAYS OF ABSTINENCE

TO BE OBSERVED IN THE YEAR.

The Evens or Vigils before

The Nativity of our Lord.	<i>St. John Baptist.</i>
The Purification of the	<i>St. Peter.</i>
Blessed Virgin <i>Mary.</i>	<i>St. James.</i>
The Annunciation of the	<i>St. Bartholomew.</i>
Blessed Virgin.	<i>St. Matthew.</i>
<i>Easter-Day.</i>	<i>St. Simon and St. Jude.</i>
<i>Ascension-Day.</i>	<i>St. Andrew.</i>
<i>Pentecost.</i>	<i>St. Thomas.</i>
<i>St. Matthias.</i>	All Saints.

Note, that if any of these Feast-Days fall upon a *Monday*, then the Vigil or Fast-Day shall be kept upon the *Saturday*, and not upon the *Sunday* next before it.

I. The Forty Days of Lent.

II. The Ember-Days at the
 Four Seasons being the { The first *Sunday* in Lent.
Wednesday, Friday, and { The Feast of *Pentecost.*
Saturday after { *September 14.*
 { *December 13.*

III. The Three *Rogation-Days*, being the *Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday*, before *Holy Thursday*, or the *Ascension* of our LORD.

IV. All the *Fridays* in the Year except CHRISTMAS-DAY,

A Table to Regulate the Service when Two Feasts or holy-days, fall upon the same day.

When two Feasts or holy-days happen to fall upon the same day, then shall be said the whole service proper to the day placed in the left-hand column of the following table ; and wheresoever in the service the collect for the day is appointed to be said, then shall the collect for the day placed in the right-hand column immediately follow :—

1 Sunday in Advent.	St. Andrew.
4 Sunday in Advent.	St. Thomas.
St. Stephen, St. John, Innocents' Day, Circumcision.	1 Sunday after Christmas.
Epiphany.	2 Sunday after Christmas.
Conversion of St. Paul.	3 Sunday after the Epiphany.
Purification.	4 Sunday after the Epiphany.
†	Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays.
Septuagesima and Sexagesima Sundays.	Conversion of St. Paul.
Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima Sundays, Ash-Wednesday, Sundays in Lent.	St. Matthias.
Annunciation.	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sundays in Lent.
Sunday next before Easter, Monday before Easter to Easter Even, inclusive.	Annunciation.
Easter Day, Monday and Tuesday in Easter Week.	Annunciation.
1 Sunday after Easter.	St. Mark.
St. Mark, St. Philip and St. James.	St. Mark.
Ascension Day.	St. Philip and St. James.
Whitsun Day, Whitsun Monday and Tuesday.	2, 3, 4, 5 Sundays after Easter.
Trinity Sunday.	St. Philip and St. James.
St. Barnabas and all other holy-days till All Saints' Day, inclusive.	St. Barnabas.
	Sundays after Trinity.

(Drawn up by the Committee of Convocation appointed to revise the Rubrics),

† The Sarum use gives the priority to Septuagesima, Sexagesima, or Quinquagesima over the Purification.

A TABLE OF THE MOVEABLE FEASTS

FOR TWENTY YEARS.

Year.	Gol. No.	E- pact	Sun. Let.	S. aft. Epiph.	Septuag. Sunday.	1st Day of Lent.	Easter- Day.	Rogation Sunday.	Ascension- Day.	Whit- Sunday.	S. aft. Trin.	Advent Sunday.
1880	19	18	DC	Two	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	Mar. 28	May 2	May 6	May 16	26	Nov. 28
1881	1	0	B	Five	Feb. 13	Mar. 2	April 17	— 22	— 26	June 5	23	— 27
1882	2	11	A	Four	Feb. 22	Feb. 22	— 9	— 14	— 18	May 28	25	Dec. 3
1883	3	22	G	Two	Jan. 21	— 7	Mar. 25	April 29	— 3	— 13	27	— 2
1884	4	3	FE	Four	Feb. 10	— 27	April 13	May 18	— 22	June 1	24	Nov. 30
1885	5	14	D	Three	— 1	— 18	— 5	— 10	— 14	May 24	25	— 29
1886	6	25	C	Six	— 21	Mar. 10	— 25	— 30	June 3	June 13	28	— 28
1887	7	6	B	Four	— 6	Feb. 23	— 10	— 15	May 19	May 29	24	— 27
1888	8	17	AG	Three	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	— 1	— 6	— 10	— 20	26	Dec. 2
1889	9	28	F	Five	Feb. 17	Mar. 6	— 21	— 26	— 30	June 9	23	— 1
1890	10	9	E	Three	Feb. 2	Feb. 19	— 6	— 11	— 15	May 25	25	Nov. 30
1891	11	20	D	Two	Jan. 25	Feb. 11	Mar. 29	— 3	— 7	June 17	26	— 29
1892	12	1	CB	Five	Feb. 14	Mar. 2	April 17	— 22	— 26	June 5	23	— 27
1893	13	12	A	Three	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	— 2	— 7	— 11	May 21	26	Dec. 3
1894	14	23	G	Two	Feb. 21	— 7	Mar. 25	April 29	— 3	June 13	27	— 2
1895	15	4	F	Four	Feb. 10	— 27	April 14	May 19	— 23	June 2	24	— 1
1896	16	15	ED	Three	— 2	— 19	— 5	— 10	— 14	May 24	25	Nov. 29
1897	17	26	C	Five	— 14	Mar. 3	— 18	— 23	— 27	June 6	23	— 28
1898	18	7	B	Four	— 6	Feb. 23	— 10	— 15	— 19	May 29	24	— 27
1899	19	18	A	Three	Jan. 29	— 15	— 2	— 7	— 11	— 21	26	Dec. 3

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

Our Father, Which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

THE CREE.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth :

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried, He descended into hell ; The third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty ; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost ; The holy Catholick Church ; The Communion of Saints ; The Forgiveness of Sins ; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.



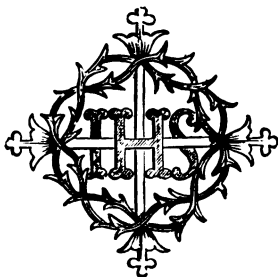
SECTION I.

Offices for the Lesser Hours of the Day.

“Who is there that knoweth not the ordinary hours of prayer to be the Third, Sixth, and Ninth, together with the Morning and Evening.”—*S. Jerome.*



The Offices of Lauds and Vespers are not added because the recitation of Mattins and Evensong, which is our bounden duty and service, completes the Seven hours.



Ad omnem progressum atque promotum, ad omnem
aditum et exitum, ad calciatum, ad lavacra, ad mensas,
ad lumina, ad cubilia, ad sedilia, quacumque nos
conversatio exercet, frontem crucis signaculo terimus.
— *Tertullian de Corona*, § 3.

Private Prayers.



Before each Office.

O PEN, O Lord, my lips to praise Thy Holy Name : cleanse also my heart from vain, evil, and wandering thoughts : enlighten my understanding, and kindle my affection ; that I may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy Divine Majesty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, in union with that divine intention, wherewith Thou didst on earth offer prayer and praise to Thy Father in Heaven ; I offer to Thee these my devotions.



After each Office.

TO Thy mercy, O Lord Jesus Christ, I commend this imperfect Service, which I have offered up to Thee ; would that it were more worthy of Thine acceptance ; but let the great worthiness of those prayers, which Thou didst offer in the days of Thy sojourn on earth, atone for the weakness of my prayers and praises, and offer them up in union with Thine own, for therein is abundance to supply my lack : Who ever livest to make intercession for us, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.



The Office of Prime.



All kneeling, let the Reader begin.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

OUR Father, &c.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Then, all standing up, the Reader shall say,

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to
the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be; world without end. *Amen.*

In Eastertide.—Alleluia.

This hymn is said daily through the year, save from Maundy
Thursday to Low Sunday, when all the hymns are omitted in the
Offices.

HYMN. *Jam lucis orto sidere.*

Now that the daylight fills the sky,
We lift our hearts to God on high,
That He, in all we do or sav,
Would keep us free from harm to-day

B

May He restrain our tongues from strife,
 And shield from anger's din our life;
 And guard with watchful care our eyes
 From earth's absorbing vanities.

O may our inmost hearts be pure,
 From thoughts of folly kept secure,
 And pride of sinful flesh subdued
 Through sparing use of daily food.

So we, when this day's work is o'er,
 And shades of night return once more,
 Our path of trial safely trod,
 Shall give the glory to our God.

All praise to God the Father be;
 All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee;
 Whom, with the Spirit, we adore
 For ever and for evermore. Amen.

*Then let the Reader say the Antiphon.**

Antiphon.—Blessed are those that walk in the law of the Lord.

PSALM LIV. *Deus, in nomine.*

1 SAVE me, O God, for Thy Name's sake: and avenge me in Thy strength.	before their eyes, seek after my soul.
2 Hear my prayer, O God: and hearken unto the words of my mouth.	4 Behold, God is my helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.
3 For strangers are risen up against me: and ty- rants, which have not God	5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: de- stroy Thou them in Thy truth.
	6 An offering of a free

* The Doxology, Antiphon, and Chapter are changed at Prime according to the season, but not the V. and R., see page 41.

heart will I give Thee, and mine eye hath seen
and praise Thy Name, O His desire upon mine ene-
Lord: because it is so mies.
comfortable.

7 For He hath delivered &c.
me out of all my trouble:

Here may be added on Sunday, Psalm cxviii.; Monday, Psalm xxiv.; Tuesday, Psalm xxv.; Wednesday, Psalm xxvi.; Thursday, Psalm xxiii.; and on Friday, Psalm xxii.

PSALM CXIX. *Beati immaculati.*

1 BLESSED are those that are undefiled in the way: and walk in the law of the Lord.

2 Blessed are they that keep His testimonies: and seek Him with their whole heart.

3 For they who do no wickedness: walk in His ways.

4 Thou hast charged; that we should diligently keep Thy commandments.

5 O that my ways were made so direct: that I might keep Thy statutes!

6 So shall I not be confounded: while I have respect unto all Thy commandments.

7 I will thank Thee with an unfeigned heart: when I shall have learned the judgments of Thy righteousness.

8 I will keep Thy ceremonies: O forsake me not utterly.

9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way: even by ruling himself after Thy Word.

10 With my whole heart have I sought Thee: O let me not go wrong out of Thy commandments.

11 Thy words have I hid within my heart: that I should not sin against Thee.

12 Blessed art Thou, O Lord: O teach me Thy statutes.

13 With my lips have I been telling: of all the judgments of Thy mouth.

14 I have had as great delight in the way of Thy testimonies: as in all manner of riches.

15 I will talk of Thy

commandments : and have respect unto Thy ways. will not forget Thy word.

16 My delight shall be in Thy statutes : and I Glory be to the Father, &c.

Retribue servo Tuo.

17 O DO well unto Thy servant : that I may live, and keep Thy word.

18 Open Thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of Thy law.

19 I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not Thy commandments from me.

20 My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath alway unto Thy judgments.

21 Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from Thy commandments.

22 O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept Thy testimonies.

23 Princes also did sit and speak against me : but Thy servant is occupied in Thy statutes.

24 For Thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.

25 My soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken Thou me, according to Thy word.

26 I have acknowledged my ways, and Thou hearest me : O teach me Thy statutes.

27 Make me to understand the way of Thy commandments : and so shall I talk of Thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort Thou me according unto Thy word.

29 Take from me the way of lying : and cause Thou me to make much of Thy law.

30 I have chosen the way of truth : and Thy judgments have I laid before me.

31 I have stuck unto Thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.

32 I will run the way of Thy commandments : when Thou hast set my heart at liberty.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Repeat the Antiphon all together.

[*On Sundays here shall be said,*

Antiphon.—O Holy and Undivided Trinity: with heart and mouth we confess, praise, and bless Thee, the Father eternal, the only-begotten Son, the Holy Ghost the Comforter; to Thee be glory for evermore.

Quicumque vult.

WHOSOEVER will be saved: before all things it is necessary that he hold the Catholic Faith.

Which Faith except every one do keep whole and undefiled: without doubt he shall perish everlastingly.

And the Catholick Faith is this: That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity;

Neither confounding the Persons: nor dividing the Substance.

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son: and another of the Holy Ghost.

But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the glory equal, the Majesty co-eternal.

Such as the Father is, such is the Son: and such is the Holy Ghost.

The Father uncreate, the Son uncreate: and the Holy Ghost uncreate.

The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible: and the Holy Ghost incomprehensible.

The Father eternal, the Son eternal: and the Holy Ghost eternal.

And yet they are not three eternals: but One Eternal.

As also there are not three incomprehensibles, nor three uncreated: but One Uncreated, and One Incomprehensible.

So likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty: and the Holy Ghost Almighty.

And yet they are not three Almighties: but One Almighty.

So the Father is God, the Son is God: and the Holy Ghost is God.

And yet they are not three Gods: but One God.

So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord: and the Holy Ghost Lord.

And yet not three Lords : but One Lord.

For like as we are compelled by the Christian verity : to acknowledge every Person by Himself to be God and Lord ;

So are we forbidden by the Catholick Religion : to say, There be three Gods, or three Lords.

The Father is made of none : neither created, nor begotten.

The Son is of the Father alone : not made, nor created, but begotten.

The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son : neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

So there is one Father, not three Fathers ; one Son, not three Sons : one Holy Ghost, not three Holy Ghosts.

And in this Trinity none is afore, or after other : none is greater, or less than another ;

But the whole three Persons are co-eternal together : and co-equal.

So that in all things, as is aforesaid : the Unity in Trinity, and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshipped.

He therefore that will

be saved : must thus think of the Trinity.

Furthermore, it is necessary to everlasting salvation : that he also believe rightly the Incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the right Faith is, that we believe and confess : that our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and Man ;

God, of the Substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds : and Man, of the Substance of His Mother, born in the world ;

Perfect God, and perfect Man : of a reasonable soul and human flesh subsisting ;

Equal to the Father, as touching His Godhead : and inferior to the Father, as touching His Manhood.

Who although He be God and Man : yet He is not two, but one Christ ;

One ; not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh : but by taking of the Manhood into God ;

One altogether ; not by confusion of Substance : but by unity of Person.

For as the reasonable soul and flesh is one man :

so God and Man is one Christ ;

Who suffered for our salvation : descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead.

He ascended into heaven, He sitteth on the right hand of the Father, God Almighty : from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

At Whose coming all men shall rise again with their bodies : and shall give account for their own works.

And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting : and they that have done evil into everlasting fire.

This is the Catholick Faith : which except a man believe faithfully, he cannot be saved.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Repeat the Antiphon all together.

This Antiphon is unchangeable, save that at Easter-tide is added " Alleluia. "]

THE LITTLE CHAPTER. I Tim. i. 17.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. O Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us.

R. O Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us.

V. Thou Who sittest at the right hand of the Father, *

* Instead of this response is said at

Advent.—Thou Who shalt come to be our Judge.

Christmas.—Thou Who didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.

Epiphany.—Thou Who wast manifest to-day to the Gentiles.

Easter.—Thou Who hast risen from the dead.

Ascension.—Thou Who art gone up on High.

R/. Have mercy upon us.

V/. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost.

R/. O Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy upon us.

V/. Arise, O Christ, help us :

R/. And deliver us, for Thy Name's sake.

Then shall be said on week days, the following prayers, all kneeling, but on Sundays and Festivals here follow the Collects.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

V/. Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord :

R/. And early shall my prayer come before Thee.

V/. O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise :

R/. That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

V/. O Lord, turn Thy face from my sins :

R/. And blot out all my misdeeds.

V/. Create in me a clean heart, O God :

R/. And renew a right spirit within me.

V/. Cast me not away from Thy presence :

R/. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

V/. O give me the comfort of Thy help again :

R/. And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

V/. Our help is in the Name of the Lord ;

R/. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Then shall be said, all together.

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in the sight of the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly,

in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to have mercy upon us.

MAY the Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

If a Priest be present let him stand up and say,

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins, space for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

V. Wilt Thou not turn again and quicken us,

R. That Thy people may rejoice in Thee.

V. Shew us Thy mercy, O Lord,

R. And grant us Thy salvation.

V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us,

R. This day without sin.

V. O Lord, have mercy upon us;

R. Have mercy upon us.

V. O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us

R. As our trust is in Thee.

[In Lent here follows the Miserere.]

PSALM LI. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

1 HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness: and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my faults: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, Thou requirest

truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn Thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of Thy help again: and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

14 Deliver me from

blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou that art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

16 For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee: but Thou delightest not in burnt-offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

Glory be to the Father, &c.]

The other Penitential Psalms were appointed to be said after the Miserere in Lent at the various hours, according to the use of Sarum. Thus at Lauds, Psalm vi. ; at Prime, Psalm xxxii. ; at Terce, Psalm xxxviii., at Nones Psalm cii. ; at Vespers, Psalm cxxx. ; and at Compline, Psalm cxliii. They will be found at the commencement of Section IV. At Sext, Psalm lxiii. was said after the Miserere.

V. Lord, hear our prayer :

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day ; Defend us in the same with Thy mighty power ; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger ; but that all our doings may be ordered by Thy governance, to do always that is righteous in Thy sight ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O ALMIGHTY Lord, and everlasting God, vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, to direct, sanctify, and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of Thy laws, and in the works of Thy commandments ; that through Thy most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, Who at the First hour of the day wast brought before Pontius Pilate. Thou Who, the judge of all men, didst yet endure the severest doom, we beseech Thee by that judgment to be merciful to us miserable sinners when at the last dreadful day we stand before Thee, Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever. *Amen.* [*Sarum Encheiridion.*]

Here occasional prayers may be added.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

MAY the Almighty Lord order our days and actions in His peace. *Amen.*



The Office of Terce.



All kneeling, let the Reader begin.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

OUR Father, &c.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Then all standing up, the Reader shall say,

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to
the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be: world without end. *Amen.*

In Eastertide.—Alleluia.

This hymn is said daily through the year, save from Maundy Thursday to Low Sunday, when all the hymns are omitted in the Offices.

HYMN. *Nunc Sancte nobis Spiritus.*

COME, Holy Ghost, Who ever One
Art with the Father and the Son;
Come, Holy Ghost, our souls possess
With Thy full flood of holiness.

In word, and deed, by heart and tongue,
With all our powers, Thy praise be sung;
May love enwrap our mortal frame,
And others catch the living flame.

Almighty Father, hear our cry,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord most High,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

*Then let the Reader say the Antiphon.**

Antiphon.—O let thy loving mercies come unto me
that I may live.

PSALM CXIX. *Legem pone.*

33 TEACH me, O Lord,
the way of Thy statutes:
and I shall keep it unto the
end.

34 Give me understand-
ing, and I shall keep Thy
law: yea, I shall keep it
with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the
path of Thy command-
ments: for therein is my
desire.

36 Incline my heart unto
Thy testimonies: and not
to covetousness.

37 O turn away mine
eyes lest they behold
vanity: and quicken Thou
me in Thy way.

38 O stablish Thy word

in Thy servant: that I may
fear Thee.

39 Take away the re-
buke that I am afraid of:
for Thy judgments are
good.

40 Behold, my delight is
in Thy commandments: O
quicken me in Thy righte-
ousness.

41 Let Thy loving mercy
come also unto me, O
Lord: even Thy salva-
tion, according unto Thy
word.

42 So shall I make
answer unto my blasphem-
ers: for my trust is in
Thy word.

43 O take not the word

* Special Doxologies, Antiphons, Chapters, and Responses, for
particular seasons, will be found on page 41, etc.

of Thy truth utterly out of my mouth : for my hope is in Thy judgments.

44 So shall I alway keep Thy law : yea, for ever and ever.

45 And I will walk at liberty : for I seek Thy commandments.

46 I will speak of Thy testimonies also, even be-

fore kings : and will not be ashamed.

47 And my delight shall be in Thy commandments : which I have loved.

48 My hands also will I lift up unto Thy commandments, which I have loved : and my study shall be in Thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Memor esto servi Tui.

49 O THINK upon Thy servant, as concerning Thy word : wherein Thou hast caused me to put my trust.

50 The same is my comfort in my trouble : for Thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrunk from Thy law.

52 For I remembered Thine everlasting judgments, O Lord : and received comfort.

53 I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake Thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have thought upon Thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season : and have kept Thy law.

56 This I had : because I kept Thy commandments.

57 Thou art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep Thy law.

58 I made my humble petition in Thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to Thy word.

59 I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep Thy commandments.

61 The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me: but I have not forgotten Thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee: because of Thy righteous judgments.

63 I am a companion of

all them that fear Thee: and keep Thy commandments.

64 The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy: O teach me Thy statutes.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Bonitatem fecisti.

65 O LORD, Thou hast dealt graciously with Thy servant: according unto Thy word.

66 O learn me true understanding and knowledge: for I have believed Thy commandments.

67 Before I was troubled I went wrong: but now have I kept Thy word.

68 Thou art good and gracious: O teach me Thy statutes.

69 The proud have imagined a lie against me: but I will keep Thy commandments with my whole heart.

70 Their heart is as fat as brawn: but my delight hath been in Thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been in trouble: that I may learn Thy statutes.

72 The law of Thy mouth is dearer unto me: than thousands of gold and silver.

73 Thy hands hath made me and fashioned me: O give me understanding, that I may learn Thy commandments.

74 They that fear Thee will be glad when they see me: because I have put my trust in Thy word.

75 I know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right: and that Thou of very faithfulness hast caused me to be troubled.

76 O let Thy merciful kindness be my comfort: according to Thy word unto Thy servant.

77 O let Thy loving mercies come unto me, that I may live: for Thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be Thy testimonies : be
 confounded, for they go turned unto me.
 wickedly about to destroy 80 O let my heart be
 me : but I will be occupied sound in Thy statutes :
 in Thy commandments. that I be not ashamed.

79 Let such as fear Glory be to the Father,
 Thee, and have known &c.

Repeat the Antiphon altogether.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER. 2 Cor. xiii. 14.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of
 God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with
 us all.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Incline my heart, O Lord, unto Thy testimonies.

R. Incline my heart, O Lord, unto Thy testimonies.

V. O turn away mine eyes from vanity.

R. Unto Thy testimonies.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son ; and to
 the Holy Ghost.

R. Incline my heart, O Lord, unto Thy testimonies.

V. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me.

R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

*Then shall be said the following prayers, on week days,
 all kneeling, but on Sundays and Festivals and from Easter
 to Trinity here follows the Collect for the day, etc.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

V. I said, Lord, be merciful unto me.

R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.

V. Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last.

R. And be gracious unto Thy servants.

V. Let Thy merciful kindness, O Lord, be upon us.

R. As we do put our trust in Thee.

V. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness.

R. And Thy Saints sing with joyfulness.

V. O Lord, save the Queen.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.

V. O God, save Thy servants and handmaidens.

R. Which put their trust in Thee.

V. O Lord, save Thy people.

R. And bless Thine inheritance.

V. Peace be within thy walls.

R. And plenteousness within Thy palaces.

V. Let us pray for the dead in Christ.

R. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest, and let everlasting light shine upon them.

V. Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto Thee.

R. Have mercy upon me, and hear me.

Here may follow in Lent Psalm li. page 9. See also rubric as to the use of the other Penitential Psalms on page 10.

Then let the Reader, if a Priest, stand and say,

V. O Lord, arise, help us.

R. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

V. Turn Thee again, O Lord God of Hosts.

R. Show the light of Thy Countenance, and we shall be whole.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Collect for the day, after which may be added,

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, Thy servants, by water and the Holy Ghost, and hast given unto us the forgiveness of our sins; strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in

us Thy manifold gifts of grace; the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding; the Spirit of Counsel and Ghostly Strength; the Spirit of Knowledge and True Godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy most Holy Fear; through Him Who hath sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who at the third hour of the day wast led forth to the pain of the Cross for the Salvation of the world; we humbly beseech Thee, that by the virtue of Thy most sacred Passion, Thou wouldst blot out all our sins, and mercifully bring us to that eternal glory, where Thou livest and reignest God world without end. *Amen. (Sarum Encheiridion.)*

O GOD, Almighty Father, we humbly beseech Thy Divine Majesty, that as Thou didst strengthen Thine Apostles at the third hour, by the Visitation of Thy Holy Spirit; so Thou wilt deign to enlighten and guard our hearts and bodies by His coming: through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the same Blessed Spirit, one God world without end. *Amen. (Ambrosian.)*

Here occasional Prayers may be added.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy Spirit.

V. Bless we the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

MAY the souls of the Faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*





The Office of Sext.



All kneeling, let the Reader begin.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

OUR Father, &c.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Then all standing up, the Reader shall say,

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and
to the Holy Ghost ;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever
shall be : world without end. *Amen.*

In Eastertide.—Alleluia.

This hymn is said daily through the year, save from Maundy
Thursday to Low Sunday, when all the hymns are omitted in the
Offices.

HYMN. *Rector potens verax Deus.*

O GOD of truth, O Lord of might,
Who orderest time and change aright,
Brightening the morn with golden gleams,
Kindling the noonday's fiery beams ;

Quench Thou in us the flames of strife,
 From passion's heat preserve our life,
 Our bodies keep from perils free,
 And give our souls true peace in Thee.

Almighty Father, hear our cry,
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord most High,
 Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
 Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

*Then let the Reader say the Antiphon.**

Antiphon. Let me not be disappointed of my hope.

PSALM CXIX. *Defecit anima mea.*

81 My soul hath longed
 for Thy salvation: and I
 have a good hope because
 of Thy word.

82 Mine eyes long sore
 for Thy word: saying, O
 when wilt Thou comfort
 me?

83 For I am become like
 a bottle in the smoke: yet
 do I not forget Thy
 statutes.

84 How many are the
 days of Thy servant: when
 wilt Thou be avenged of
 them that persecute me?

85 The proud have
 digged pits for me: which
 are not after Thy law.

86 All thy command-

ments are true: they per-
 secute me falsely; O be
 Thou my help.

87 They had almost
 made an end of me upon
 earth: but I forsook not
 Thy commandments.

88 O quicken me after
 Thy loving-kindness: and
 so shall I keep the testi-
 monies of Thy mouth.

89 O Lord, Thy word;
 endureth for ever in
 heaven.

90 Thy truth also re-
 maineth from one genera-
 tion to another: Thou hast
 laid the foundation of the
 earth, and it abideth.

91 They continue this

* Special Doxologies, Antiphons, Chapters, and Responses, for particular seasons, will be found on page 41, etc.

day according to Thine ordinance: for all things serve Thee.

92 If my delight had not been in Thy law: I should have perished in my trouble.

93 I will never forget Thy commandments: for with them Thou hast quickened me.

94 I am Thine, O save

me: for I have sought Thy commandments.

95 The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me; but I will consider Thy testimonies.

96 I see that all things come to an end: but Thy commandment is exceeding broad.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Quomodo dilexi !

97 LORD, what love have I unto Thy law: all the day long is my study in it.

98 Thou through Thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies: for they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my study.

100 I am wiser than the aged: because I keep Thy commandments.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way: that I may keep Thy word.

102 I have not shrunk from Thy judgments: for Thou teachest me.

103 O how sweet are

Thy words unto my throat: yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

104 Through Thy commandments I get understanding: therefore I hate all evil ways.

105 Thy word is a lantern unto my feet: and a light unto my paths.

106 I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed: to keep Thy righteous judgments.

107 I am troubled above measure: quicken me, O Lord, according to Thy word.

108 Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please Thee, O Lord: and teach me Thy judgments.

109 My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget Thy law.

110 The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from Thy commandments.

111 Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine

heritage for ever : and why ? they are the very joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfil Thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Iniquos odio habui.

113 I HATE them that imagine evil things : but Thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in Thy word.

115 Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

116 O stablish me according to Thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

117 Hold Thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in Thy statutes.

118 Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from Thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.

119 Thou puttest away

all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love Thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee : and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

121 I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

122 Make Thou Thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

123 Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for Thy health : and for the word of Thy righteousness.

124 O deal with Thy servant according unto Thy loving mercy : and teach me Thy statutes.

125 I am Thy servant,

O grant me understanding: that I may know Thy testimonies. mandments: above gold and precious stone.

126 It is time for Thee, Lord, to lay to Thine hand: for they have destroyed Thy law. 128 Therefore hold I straight all Thy commandments: and all false ways I utterly abhor.

127 For I love Thy com- Glory be to the Father, &c.

Repeat the Antiphon all together.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER. 1 S. *John* v. 7.

There are Three that bear record in Heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are one.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. O Lord, Thy word endureth for ever in Heaven.

R. O Lord, Thy word endureth for ever in Heaven.

V. Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another.

R. For ever in Heaven.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

R. O Lord, Thy word endureth for ever in Heaven.

V. The Lord is my shepherd:

R. Therefore can I lack nothing.

Here follow the week day prayers as at Terce, see page 16.

Then shall be said the Collect for the day, after which may be added,

O MOST gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, Who, as at this hour, didst bear our sins in Thine own Body on the Tree, that we being dead to sin might live unto righteousness, have mercy upon us,

we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of our death ; and grant unto us, Thy humble servants, with all other Christian people who have this Thy Blessed Passion in devout remembrance, a godly and peaceful life in this present world, and through Thy grace eternal glory in the life to come, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who at the sixth hour of the day, didst with great tumult ascend, on Golgotha, the Cross of pain; whereon thirsting for our Salvation, Thou didst permit gall and vinegar to be given Thee to drink, we Thy suppliants beseech Thee that Thou wouldst kindle and inflame our hearts with the love of Thy Passion, and make us continually to find our delight in Thee alone, our crucified Lord ; Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen. (*Sarum Encheiridion.*)

O ALMIGHTY God, we humbly implore Thy Holy majesty, that as Thou didst will that Thy most glorious Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, should at the sixth hour of the day ascend the Cross, that Thou mightest deliver us from the power of the enemy, so redeemed by His Blood, we may serve Thee all the days of our life without sin : through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Ambrosian.*)

Here occasional prayers may be added.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

MAY the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



The Office of None.



All kneeling, let the Reader begin.



IN the Name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

OUR Father, &c.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Then all standing up, the Reader shall say,

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son; and to
the Holy Ghost;

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be: world without end. *Amen.*

In Eastertide.—Alleluia.

This hymn is said daily through the year, save from Maundy
Thursday to Low Sunday, when all the hymns are omitted in the
Offices.

HYMN. *Rerum Deus tenax vigor.*

O GOD, of all the Strength and Power,
Who dost, unmoved, each passing hour
Through all its changes guide the day,
From early morn to evening's ray ;

D

Brighten life's eventide with light
That ne'er shall set in gloom of night ;
Till we a holy death attain
And everlasting glory gain.

Almighty Father, hear our cry,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord most High,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

*Then let the Reader say the Antiphon.**

Antiphon.—Give me understanding according to Thy word.

PSALM cxix. *Mirabilia.*

129 THY testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 When Thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened my mouth and drew in my breath: for my delight was in Thy commandments.

132 O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy Name.

133 Order my steps in Thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

134 O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: and so shall I keep Thy commandments.

135 Shew the light of Thy countenance upon Thy servant: and teach me Thy statutes.

136 Mine eyes gush out with water: because men keep not Thy law.

137 Righteous art Thou, O Lord: and true is Thy judgment.

138 The testimonies that Thou hast commanded: are exceeding righteous and true.

139 My zeal hath even consumed me: because

* Special Doxologies, Antiphons, Chapters and Responses, for particular seasons, will be found on page 41.

mine enemies have forgotten Thy words.

140 Thy word is tried to the uttermost : and Thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small, and of no reputation: yet do I not forget Thy commandments.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness: and Thy law is the truth.

143 Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me: yet is my delight in Thy commandments.

144 The righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Clamavi in toto corde meo.

145 I CALL with my whole heart: hear me, O Lord, I will keep Thy statutes.

146 Yea, even unto Thee do I call: help me, and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

147 Early in the morning do I cry unto Thee: for in Thy word is my trust.

148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches: that I might be occupied in Thy words.

149 Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto Thy loving-kindness : quicken me, according as Thou art wont.

150 They draw nigh that of malice persecute

me: and are far from Thy law.

151 Be Thou nigh at hand, O Lord ; for all Thy commandments are true.

152 As concerning Thy testimonies, I have known long since ; that Thou hast grounded them for ever.

153 O consider mine adversity, and deliver me : for I do not forget Thy law.

154 Avenge Thou my cause, and deliver me: quicken me, according to Thy word.

155 Health is far from the ungodly ; for they regard not Thy statutes.

156 Great is Thy mercy,

O Lord : quicken me, as
Thou art wont.

157 Many there are that
trouble me, and persecute
me : yet do I not swerve
from Thy testimonies.

158 It grieveth me when
I see the transgressors :
because they keep not
Thy law.

159 Consider, O Lord,

how I love Thy command-
ments : O quicken me, ac-
cording to Thy loving
kindness.

160 Thy word is true
from everlasting ; all the
judgments of Thy righte-
ousness endure for ever-
more.

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

Principes persecuti sunt.

161 PRINCES have perse-
cuted me without a cause :
but my heart standeth in
awe of Thy word.

162 I am as glad of Thy
word : as one that findeth
great spoils.

163 As for lies, I hate
and abhor them : but Thy
law do I love.

164 Seven times a day
do I praise Thee : because
of Thy righteous judg-
ments.

165 Great is the peace
that they have who love
Thy law : and they are
not offended at it.

166 Lord, I have looked
for Thy saving health : and
done after Thy command-
ments.

167 My soul hath kept
Thy testimonies : and loved
them exceedingly.

168 I have kept Thy
commandments and testi-
monies : for all my ways
are before me.

169 Let my complaint
come before Thee, O
Lord : give me understand-
ing, according to Thy
word.

170 Let my suppli-
cation come before Thee :
deliver me, according to
Thy word.

171 My lips shall speak
of Thy praise : when Thou
hast taught me Thy sta-
tutes.

172 Yea, my tongue
shall sing of Thy word : for
all Thy commandments
are righteous.

173 Let Thine hand
help me : for I have chosen
Thy commandments.

174 I have longed for

Thy saving health, O Lord:
and in Thy law is my delight.

175 O let my soul live,
and it shall praise Thee :
and Thy judgments shall
help me.

176 I have gone astray
like a sheep that is lost :
O seek Thy servant, for I
do not forget Thy com-
mandments.

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

Repeat the Antiphon all together.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER.—*Eph.* iv. 5, 6.

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism ; one God and
Father of all, Who is above all, and through all, and
in you all ; Who is Blessed for evermore.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. I call with my whole heart ; hear me, O Lord.

R. I call with my whole heart ; hear me, O Lord.

V. I will keep Thy statutes.

R. Hear me, O Lord.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son ; and to
the Holy Ghost.

R. I call with my whole heart ; hear me, O Lord.

V. Cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.

R. And keep Thy servant from presumptuous sins.

Here follow the week day Prayers, as at Terce, see page 16.

*Then shall be said the Collect for the day, after which may be
added.*

HEAR us, O Lord, and remember now the hour in
which Thou didst commend Thy blessed Spirit
into the hands of Thy heavenly Father, when with a
torn body and a broken heart, Thou didst show forth
Thy mercy by dying to deliver us from eternal death
and so assist us by that Thy most precious death, that,
dying unto the world, we may live unto Thee, and
that at the hour of our departing from this mortal life
we may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom,
there to reign with Thee, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who at the ninth hour of the day with hands extended on the Cross and Thine head bowed in death, didst deliver up Thy Spirit unto God the Father, and didst by the key of Thy death unlock the door of Heaven; Grant to us Thy suppliants that in the hour of death our souls may rise to Thee Who art the true Paradise; Who livest and reignest God world without end. *Amen. (Sarum Encheiridion.)*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who whilst hanging on the Cross at the ninth hour, didst open Paradise to the penitent thief who confessed Thy Name; we humbly beseech Thee, that Thou wilt cause us, who confess our sins, to enter with joy the portals of Heaven, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God world without end. *Amen. (Ambrosian).*

Here occasional prayers may be added.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

MAY the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. *Amen.*





The Office of Compline.



All standing up, let the Reader begin.



AY the Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. *Amen.*

SHORT LESSON. 1 S. Peter v. 8.

BRETHREN, be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil goeth about as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour, whom resist stedfast in the faith.

R^y. Thanks be to God.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

R^y. Who hath made heaven and earth.

Then shall be said, all kneeling.

OUR Father, &c.

WE confess to God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, in the sight of the whole company of heaven, that we have sinned exceedingly, in thought, word, and deed, through our fault, our own fault, our own most grievous fault. Wherefore we pray God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, to have mercy upon us.

MAY the Almighty God have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

If a Priest be present let him stand up and say,

MAY the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon, absolution, and remission of all your sins, space for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

V. Turn Thou us, O God our Saviour.

R. And let Thine anger cease from us.

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Here all standing up the Reader shall say,

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

In Eastertide.—Alleluia.

*Then let the Reader say the Antiphon.**

Antiphon. — Have mercy upon us, O God, and hearken unto our prayer.

* Special Antiphons will be found on page 41; the Antiphon to the Psalms should alone be changed at Compline, which in its changelessness is said to signify the rest which awaiteth the people of God.

PSALM IV. *Cum invocarem.*

1 HEAR me when I call,
O God of my righteousness: Thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour: and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after leasing?

3 Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to Himself the man that is godly: when I call upon the Lord He will hear me.

4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart, and in your chamber and be still.

5 Offer the sacrifice of righteousness: and put your trust in the Lord.

6 There be many that say: Who will shew us any good?

7 Lord, lift Thou up: the light of Thy countenance upon us.

8 Thou hast put gladness in my heart: since the time that their corn, and wine, and oil, increased.

9 I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest: for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

PSALM XXXI. 1—6. *In Te, Domine, speravi.*

1 IN Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust: let me never be put to confusion, deliver me in Thy righteousness.

2 Bow down Thine ear to me: make haste to deliver me.

3 And be Thou my strong rock, and house of defence: that Thou mayest save me.

4 For Thou art my strong rock, and my castle:

be Thou also my guide, and lead me for Thy Name's sake.

5 Draw me out of the net that they have laid privily for me: for Thou art my strength.

6 Into Thy hands I commend my spirit: for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

PSALM XCI. *Qui habitat.*

1 WHOSOdwelleth under the defence of the most High : shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say unto the Lord, Thou art my hope, and my strong hold : my God, in Him will I trust.

3 For He shall deliver thee from the snare of the hunter : and from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall defend thee under His wings, and thou shalt be safe under His feathers : His faithfulness and truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

5 Thou shalt not be afraid for any terror by night : nor for the arrow that flieth by day ;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness : nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noon-day.

7 A thousand shall fall beside thee, and ten thousand at thy right hand : but it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Yea, with thine eyes shalt thou behold : and see the reward of the ungodly.

9 For Thou, Lord, art

my hope : Thou hast set Thine house of defence very high.

10 There shall no evil happen unto thee : neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

11 For He shall give His angels charge over thee : to keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee in their hands : that thou hurt not thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt go upon the lion and adder : the young lion and the dragon shalt thou tread under thy feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon Me, therefore will I deliver him ; I will set him up, because he hath known My Name.

15 He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him : yea, I am with him in trouble ; I will deliver him, and bring him to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy him : and shew him My salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXXXIV. *Ecce nunc.*

1 BEHOLD now, praise the sanctuary: and praise the Lord: all ye servants of the Lord; the Lord.

2 Ye that by night stand in the house of the Lord: heaven and earth: give thee blessing out of Sion. even in the courts of the house of our God. Glory be to the Father, &c.

3 Lift up your hands in

Repeat the Antiphon all together.

HYMN. *Te lucis ante terminum.*

BEFORE the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray,
That Thou with wonted love would'st keep
Thy watch around us while we sleep.

O let no evil dreams be near,
Nor phantoms of the night appear;
Our ghostly enemy restrain,
Lest aught of sin our bodies stain.

Almighty Father, hear our cry,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord most high,
Who, with the Holy Ghost and Thee,
Doth live and reign eternally. Amen.

NOTE.—Other hymns for Compline may be used, according to the Sarum and other rites, at particular seasons, thus—from Hymns Ancient and Modern, revised edition: Advent 54; Christmas and Epiphany, 63; Lent, 95; Easter, 141; Ascension, 150; Whitsuntide, 156. The Latin rite confines itself to the hymn given.

THE LITTLE CHAPTER. *Jer. xiv. 9.*

THOU, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy Name, leave us not, O Lord our God.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

R. Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

V. For Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

R. I commend my spirit.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

R. Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit,

V. Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of an eye.

R. Hide me under the shadow of Thy wings.

Antiphon.—Save us, O Lord, waking, guard us sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Nunc dimittis.

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation.

Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people:

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

Repeat the Antiphon all together.

Then shall be said, all kneeling.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE in God, &c.

- V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord God of our Fathers ;
 R. And worthy to be praised, and glorious for ever.
 V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
 R. Let us praise and exalt Him for ever.
 V. Blessed be Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven ;
 R. And praised for evermore.
 V. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us
 R. This night without sin.
 V. O Lord, have mercy upon us.
 R. Have mercy upon us.
 V. O Lord, let Thy mercy lighten upon us :
 R. As our trust is in Thee.
 V. Lord, hear our prayer :
 R. And let our cry come unto Thee.
 V. The Lord be with you :
 R. And with thy spirit.

VISIT, we beseech Thee, O Lord, this dwelling, and drive far from it all the snares of the enemy. Let Thy holy angels dwell in it, to preserve us in peace, and may Thy blessing be upon us evermore, through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech Thee, O Lord ; and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night ; for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who at the sad hour of Compline didst rest in the Sepulchre, and didst thereby sanctify the grave to be a bed of hope to Thy people ; make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins, which were the cause of Thy Passion, that when our bodies lie in the dust our souls may live with Thee, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen. (Sarum Encheiridion.)*

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LOOK down, O Lord, from Thy Heavenly Throne, illuminate the darkness of this night with Thy celestial brightness, and from the sons of Light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. (Ambrosian.)*

BE present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are fatigued by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may repose upon Thy eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen. (Ambrosian.)*

Here occasional prayers may be added.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us bless the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

MAY the Almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, bless, preserve, and keep us, this night, and for evermore. *Amen.*



After Compline may be said this short Office for the peace of the Church.

PSALM CXXIII.

Ad te levavi oculos meos.

1 UNTO Thee lift I up mine eyes: O Thou that dwellest in the heavens.

2 Behold, even as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress: even so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until He have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us O Lord, have mercy upon us: for we are utterly despised.

4 Our soul is filled with the scornful reproof of the wealthy: and with the despitefulness of the proud.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
 Christ, have mercy upon us.
 Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

V. O Lord, arise, help us.

R. And deliver us for Thy Name's sake.

V. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts.

R. Show the light of Thy countenance, and we shall be whole.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O LORD, we beseech Thee, mercifully to hear the prayers of Thy Church, and grant that we, being delivered from all adversities, and serving Thee with a quiet mind, may enjoy Thy peace all the days of our life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Bless we the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.



Upon Saints' Days the life of the Saint may be read after either Office ; after which may follow,

V. Right dear in the sight of the Lord,

R. Is the death of His Saints.

- ℣. Glory be to the Father, &c.
℟. As it was, &c.
℣. Shew Thy servants Thy work,
℟. And their children Thy glory.

Let us pray.

Then shall be said the Collect for the day, after which may follow.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the Mystical Body of Thy Son Christ our Lord ; Grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

- ℣. The Lord be with you.
℟. And with thy spirit.
℣. Let us bless the Lord :
℟. Thanks be to God.
℣. May the King of Saints and Angels bring us all to the joys of His Heavenly Kingdom. *Amen.*





Proper of Seasons.



*SPECIAL ANTIPHONS, CHAPTERS, and
RESPONSES*

For the Seasons of the Church.



ADVENT.

DOXOLOGY.

All praise, eternal Son, to Thee,
Whose Advent doth Thy people free,
To God the Father as is meet,
And to the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Behold the Lord our God shall come,
and all His Saints with Him, and in that day the
Light shall be great.

CHAPTER.—*Rom. xiii. 12.* The night is far spent,
the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works
of darkness, and put on the armour of light.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. The Lord shall arise upon thee, O Jerusalem.

R. The Lord shall arise upon thee, O Jerusalem.

V. And His glory shall be seen upon thee;

R. O Jerusalem.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. The Lord shall arise upon thee, O Jerusalem.

V. The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness :

R. Prepare ye in the desert a highway for our God.

CHRISTMAS.

DOXOLOGY.

All honour, laud, and glory be,
O Jesu, Virgin-born, to Thee ;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given, and His Name shall be called, Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia.

CHAPTER.—*Heb. i. 1 and 2.* God, Who at sundry times, and in divers manners, spake in time past unto the Fathers by the Prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, by Whom also He made the worlds.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. The Word was made Flesh. Alleluia.

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V. And dwelt among us.

R. Alleluia ! Alleluia !

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. The Word was made Flesh. Alleluia !

V. He shall call me,

R. Thou art my Father. Alleluia !

EPIPHANY.

DOXOLOGY.

All glory Jesu, be to Thee
For this Thy glad Epiphany ;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To Father and to Paraclete. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—The Gentiles shall come to Thy Light, and Kings to the brightness of Thy rising. Alleluia !

CHAPTER.—*S. Matt.* ii. 12. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him Gifts, Gold, and Frankincense, and Myrrh.

Ry. Thanks be to God.

V. The Kings of Tharsis and the Isles shall give presents. Alleluia !

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V. The Kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring gifts.

Ry. Alleluia ! Alleluia !

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

Ry. The Kings of Tharsis and the Isles shall give presents. Alleluia !

V. All Kings shall fall down before Him :

Ry. All nations shall do Him service. Alleluia !

LENT.

DOXOLOGY.

Grant, O Thou Blessed Trinity,
Grant, O essential Unity ;
That this our fast of forty days
May work our profit and Thy praise.

Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Turn Thy Face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

CHAPTER.—*Joel* ii. 12. Turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting and with weeping, and with mourning ; and rend your heart and not your garments, saith the Lord Almighty.

Ry. Thanks be to God.

V. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean.

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- V. Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
 R. And I shall be clean.
 V. Glory be to the Father, &c.
 R. Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean.
 V. Lord, hear my prayer.
 R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

PASSION-TIDE.

DOXOLOGY.

To Thee, Eternal Three in One,
 Let homage meet by all be done :
 As by the Cross Thou dost restore,
 So rule and guard us evermore. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

CHAPTER.—*Heb.* ix. 11, 12. Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building, neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His Own Blood He entered once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

- R. Thanks be to God.
 V. He was offered up because He willed it.
 R. He was offered up because He willed it.
 V. And He opened not His mouth.
 R. Because He willed it.
 V. Glory be to the Father, &c.
 R. He was offered up because He willed it.
 V. God spared not His own Son ;
 R. But delivered Him up for us all.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, AND
EASTER EVE.

At Prime, Terce, Sext, and Nones, Our Father being said secretly, the Office shall be begun at once with the Antiphon.

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even the death of the Cross.

The Psalms shall be said without "Glory be to the Father," &c.; after the repetition of the Antiphon shall be said all kneeling—Our Father, The Miserere (page 9), and the Collect for Good Friday. All the accustomed hymns, V. and R., are omitted, nor is there anything further said after the Collect, but all rise in silence and depart.

At Compline only the Confession and Absolution shall precede the Psalms, which shall be followed immediately by Nunc Dimittis, all under the above Antiphon. Then conclude as at the other hours.

EASTER-DAY TILL LOW SUNDAY.

The Offices begin again as usual; the V. and R. and Gloria Patri, after the Our Father, are again said, but no hymns; and the Psalms are said under the following Antiphons, each followed by Alleluia.

Prime.—The angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.

Terce.—And behold there was a great earthquake, for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven.

Sext.—His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.

Nones.—And for fear of Him, the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

After the Antiphons.

- V.* This is the day which the Lord hath made :
- R.* We will rejoice and be glad in it, Alleluia !
- V.* The Lord hath arisen from the sepulchre :
- R.* Who hung for our sakes upon the Cross, Alleluia !
- V.* In Thy Resurrection, O Christ :
- R.* Let heaven and earth rejoice, Alleluia !
- V.* The Lord be with you :
- R.* And with thy spirit.

COLLECT FOR EASTER DAY.

V. Bless we the Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

Compline begins again, as usual, with " May the Lord : " the Psalms are thus said

ANTIPHON.—Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

Psalms iv., xxxi., cxxxiv., and Nunc Dimittis (each with Gloria Patri).

Repeat the Antiphon altogether and conclude as at the other hours.

EASTER-TIDE.

(From the Evensong of Low Sunday.)

DOXOLOGY to the Hymns, which are again said as usual,

All praise to Thee, O risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored ;
All praise to God the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally.

ANTIPHON.—Alleluia ! Alleluia ! Alleluia !

CHAPTER.—I Cor. xv. 20. Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first-fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia !

R. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia !

V. And hath appeared to Simon.

R. Alleluia ! Alleluia !

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. The Lord is risen indeed, Alleluia !

V. Christ is risen from the dead. Alleluia !

R. And become the first-fruits of them that slept.
Alleluia !

ASCENSION.

DOXOLOGY.

All praise from every heart and tongue
To Thee, Ascended Lord, be sung;
Whom with the Father we adore,
And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Thou art gone up on high, Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men. Alleluia !

CHAPTER.—*Acts* i. 9. And while they beheld, He was taken up ; and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

R. Thanks be to God,
V. Lift up your heads, O ye gates. Alleluia.
R. Lift up your heads, O ye gates. Alleluia.
V. And the King of Glory shall come in.
R. Alleluia ! Alleluia !
V. Glory be to the Father, &c.
R. Lift up your heads, O ye gates. Alleluia.
V. I ascend to My Father and your Father. Alleluia !
R. To My God and your God. Alleluia !

WHITSUNTIDE.

DOXOLOGY.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit praise be done ;
O Christ our God upon us pour
The Spirit's gifts for evermore. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—The spirit of the Lord filleth the world, and that which containeth all things hath knowledge of the voice. Alleluia !

CHAPTER.—*Acts* ii. 1, 2. When the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven

as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. The apostles did speak in other tongues. Alleluia!

R. The apostles did speak in other tongues. Alleluia!

V. The wonderful works of God.

R. Alleluia! Alleluia!

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. The apostles did speak in other tongues. Alleluia!

V. When Thou lettest Thy breath go forth they shall be made. Alleluia!

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Alleluia!

TRINITY.

DOXOLOGY.

O Trinity, O Unity,

Be present as we worship Thee:

And to the songs which Angels sing

Unite the hymns of praise we bring. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Of Whom, and through Whom, and in Whom are all things: to Him be glory for ever.

CHAPTER.—*I S. John v. 7.* There are Three that bear record in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these Three are One.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

V. Let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

R. Three persons yet one God.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

V. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of Heaven!

R. And worthy to be praised and magnified for ever.

FEASTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

DOXOLOGY *as for Christmas.*

ANTIPHON.—Hail Thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with Thee. Blessed art Thou among women.

CHAPTER.—*Exodus* iii. 2. And he looked and behold the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

- R/. Thanks be to God.
- V/. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary :
- R/. And she conceived by the Holy Ghost.
- V/. Behold the handmaid of the Lord :
- R/. Be it unto me according to Thy Word.
- V/. Glory be to the Father, &c.
- R/. The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary.
- V/. Blessed art Thou among women :
- R/. And blessed is the fruit of Thy womb, Jesus.

FEASTS OF APOSTLES AND EVANGELISTS.

ANTIPHON.—Their sound is gone into all lands, and their words into the ends of the world.

CHAPTER.—*Isaiah* lii. 7. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace.

- R/. Thanks be to God.
- V/. Their sound is gone out into all lands.
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- V/. And their words into the ends of the world.
- R/. Into all lands.
- V/. Glory be to the Father, &c.
- R/. Their sound is gone out into all lands.
- V/. They have declared His honour unto the heathen,
- R/. And His wonders unto all people.

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ALL SAINTS (or any particular Saint).

ANTIPHON.—These are they who came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb.

CHAPTER.—*Rev.* vii. 9. After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. The souls of the righteous are in the Hand of God.

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V. And there shall no torment touch them :

R. In the hand of God.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. The souls of the righteous are in the Hand of God.

V. Let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God :

R. Let them also be merry and joyful.

S. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

ANTIPHON.—O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

CHAPTER.—*Hebrews* i. 14. Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister to them that shall be heirs of salvation.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. The smoke of the incense ascended in the sight of the Lord.

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V. From the hand of the angel ;

R. In the sight of the Lord.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. The smoke of the incense ascended in the sight of the Lord.

V. Praise the Lord ye angels of His :

R. Praise Him all His Hosts.

OF THE PASSION (Fridays).

ANTIPHON.—Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross.

CHAPTER.—*Isaiah liii. 3.* He is despised and rejected of men, a Man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and we hid as it were our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

R. Thanks be to God.

V. He was despised and rejected of men.

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V. A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

R. And rejected of men.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. He was despised and rejected of men.

V. We hid as it were our faces from Him.

R. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Thursdays).

ANTIPHON.—'Thou feddest Thine own people with angels' food, and didst give them Bread from Heaven.

CHAPTER.—*I Cor. x. 16.* The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the Communion of the Blood of Christ? the bread which we break, is it not the Communion of the Body of Christ?

R. Thanks be to God.

V. Thou hast brought food out of the earth.

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V. And wine that maketh glad the heart of man.

R. Out of the earth.

V. Glory be to the Father, &c.

R. Thou hast brought food out of the earth.

V. He maketh peace in thy borders.

R. And filleth thee with the flour of wheat.



Memorials for the Days of the Week.



Chiefly from the Sarum Encheiridion.

These Memorials may be said after any Office.

ON SUNDAY, OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty; which was, and is, and is to come.

Ps. Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

R. Let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

ALmighty and Everlasting God, we Thy suppliants beseech Thee, that Thou wouldst make us so firmly and faithfully to believe, so truthfully and simply to confess the Holy Trinity in this world; that in the life to come we may be enabled perfectly to know, and with all joy to behold the Same face to face; Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

ON MONDAY, OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

ANTIPHON.—I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me: write, from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Ps. Eternal rest, give unto them, O Lord:

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

O ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all live, we beseech Thee to remember the souls of the Faithful who have departed this life in the hope of Thy appearing, especially our parents, friends, kinsfolk, and benefactors. Grant them, O Lord, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace, in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, where all sighing and sadness are banished away, and the light of Thy countenance shineth for ever, Who livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

ON TUESDAY, OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

ANTIPHON.—Come, O Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful people, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

℣. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created,
℟. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, that the Comforter which proceedeth from Thee, may dispel the darkness of our hearts, and lead us as Thy Son hath promised into all truth, through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON WEDNESDAY, OF THE SAINTS AND ANGELS.

OF THE SAINTS.

ANTIPHON.—O how glorious is the kingdom, where all the Saints rejoice with Christ; they are arrayed in white robes, and follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

℣. The voice of joy and health,
℟. Is in the dwellings of the righteous.

O EVERLASTING God, Who hast knit together the members of Thy Mystical Body the Church in one communion and fellowship: mercifully grant

that as Thy blessed Saints behold Thy face in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may intercede for us their brethren on earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OF THE ANGELS.

ANTIPHON.—The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them.

Ÿ. Bless ye the Lord all ye His Hosts :

R̃. Ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

O EVERLASTING God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order ; mercifully grant, that as Thy holy Angels alway do Thee service in heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THURSDAY, OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

ANTIPHON. — O Sacred Feast, wherein Christ is received, the memory of His Passion is renewed, our souls are fulfilled with grace, and the pledge of eternal Glory is given unto us.

Ÿ. Thou feddest Thine own people with angels' food :

R̃. And didst give them Bread from heaven.

O GOD, Who unto us, in the Blessed Sacrament, hast left a memorial of Thy Passion, grant that we may so venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood here upon earth ; that we may evermore perceive in ourselves the Fruit of Thy Redemption ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

ON FRIDAY, OF THE HOLY CROSS.

ANTIPHON.—God forbid that I should glory, save in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ ; by Whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

℣. Christ was made obedient for us unto death :
℞. Even the death of the Cross.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who for the salvation of mankind didst vouchsafe to ascend the tree of the Cross, that the whole world which lay in darkness might be enlightened : pour such light, we beseech Thee, into our souls, that we may be enabled to attain to that light, which is eternal, and through the merits of Thy Passion, may after death joyfully enter within the gates of Paradise, where Thou livest and reignest, God, world without end. *Amen.*

ON SATURDAY, OF THE INCARNATION.

ANTIPHON.—O wonderful exchange ! the Creator of the world being born of the Virgin Mary, hath vouchsafed to take upon Him our humanity, that we may become partakers of His Divinity.

℣. There shall come forth a Rod from the root of Jesse.
℞. And a Flower from his Stem shall grow up.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting Father, Who by the co-operation of the Holy Spirit, didst wonderfully prepare the Body and Soul of the Blessed Virgin to become a fit habitation for Thy Son ; grant that we who have been gladdened by His Incarnation, by His merits and intercession may be delivered from all the evils which threaten us, and from everlasting death, Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. *Amen.*

At the conclusion of each Memorial may be said,

℣. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

℟. Blessed be the most sweet Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and of the Blessed Virgin Mary, His mother, and may all the company of Heaven be blessed, now and for ever and for evermore. *Amen.*





The Collects.

(From the Book of Common Prayer.)



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious Majesty to judge both the quick and dead, we may rise to the life immortal, through Him Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, now and ever. *Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

Blessed Lord, Who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience, and comfort of Thy holy Word, we may embrace, and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which Thou hast given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

O Lord Jesu Christ, Who at Thy first coming didst send Thy messenger to prepare Thy way before Thee: grant that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at Thy second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT.

O Lord, raise up (we pray Thee) Thy power, and come among us, and with great might succour us, that whereas, through our sins and wickedness, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, Thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us : through the satisfaction of Thy Son our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Almighty God, Who hast given us Thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin ; grant that we being regenerate, and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit ; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT STEPHEN.

Grant, O Lord, that, in all our sufferings here upon earth for the testimony of Thy truth, we may steadfastly look up to heaven, and by faith behold the glory that shall be revealed : and, being filled with the Holy Ghost, may learn to love and bless our persecutors by the example of Thy first martyr, S. Stephen, who prayed for his murderers to Thee, O blessed Jesus,

Who standest at the right hand of God to succour all those that suffer for Thee, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

Merciful Lord, we beseech Thee to cast Thy bright beams of light upon Thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of Thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, may so walk in the light of Thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE INNOCENTS' DAY.

O Almighty God, Who out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast ordained strength, and madest infants to glorify Thee by their deaths ; mortify and kill all vices in us, and so strengthen us by Thy grace, that by the innocency of our lives, and constancy of our faith even unto death, we may glorify Thy Holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

CIRCUMCISION OF CHRIST.

Almighty God, Who madest Thy blessed Son to be circumcised, and obedient to the law for man ; grant us the true Circumcision of the Spirit : that, our hearts, and all our members, being mortified from all worldly and carnal lusts, we may in all things obey Thy blessed will ; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPIPHANY.

O God, Who by the leading of a star didst manifest Thy only-begotten Son to the Gentiles ; mercifully grant, that we, which know Thee now by faith, may after this life have the fruition of Thy glorious God-head ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to receive the prayers of Thy people which call upon Thee ; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth ; mercifully hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth Thy right hand to help and defend us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

O God, Who knowest us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright ; grant to us such strength and protection, as may support us in all dangers, and carry us through all temptations ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

O Lord, we beseech Thee to keep Thy Church and household continually in Thy true religion ; that they who do lean only upon the hope of Thy heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Thy mighty power ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY.

O God, Whose blessed Son was manifested that He might destroy the works of the devil, and make us the sons of God, and heirs of eternal life; grant us, we beseech Thee, that having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that, when He shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom; where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

O Lord, we beeeech Thee favourably to hear the prayers of Thy people: that we, who are justly punished for our offences, may be mercifully delivered by Thy goodness, for the Glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY.

O Lord God, Who seest that we put not our trust in anything that we do; mercifully grant that by Thy power we may be defended against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY.

O Lord, Who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; send Thy Holy Ghost, and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee: grant this for Thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *Amen.*

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ASH-WEDNESDAY.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT.

O Lord, Who didst fast forty days and forty nights; give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey Thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to Thy honour and glory, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT.

Almighty God, Who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves; keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of Thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be

punished, by the comfort of Thy grace may mercifully be relieved ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT.

We beseech Thee, Almighty God, mercifully to look upon Thy people: that by Thy great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore, both in body and soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SUNDAY BEFORE EASTER.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who, of Thy tender love towards mankind hast sent Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross, that all mankind should follow the example of His great humility ; mercifully grant, that we may both follow the example of His patience, and also be made partakers of His resurrection ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

GOOD FRIDAY.

Almighty God, we beseech Thee graciously to behold this Thy family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was contented to be betrayed, and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon the Cross, Who now liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, by Whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified ; receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before Thee for all estates of men in Thy holy Church, that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may truly and godly serve Thee ; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O merciful God, Who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live; have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, Infidels, and Heretics, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EASTER EVEN.

Grant, O Lord, that as we are baptized into the death of Thy blessed Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continual mortifying our corrupt affections we may be buried with Him: and that through the grave, and gate of death, we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for His merits, Who died and was buried, and rose again for us, Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EASTER DAY.

Almighty God, Who, through Thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, hast overcome death, and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life; we humbly beseech Thee, that, as by Thy special grace preventing us, Thou dost put into our minds good desires, so by Thy continual help we may bring the same to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Almighty Father, Who hast given Thine only Son to die for our sins, and to rise again for our justification;

grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness, that we may always serve Thee in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Almighty God, Who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that His inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

Almighty God, Who shewest to them that be in error the light of Thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; grant unto all them that are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may eschew those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER.

O Almighty God, Who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men; grant unto Thy people, that they may love the thing which Thou commandest, and desire that which Thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O Lord, from Whom all good things do come; grant to us Thy humble servants, that by Thy holy inspira-

tion we may think those things that be good, and by Thy merciful guiding may perform the same ; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ASCENSION DAY.

Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that like as we do believe Thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens ; so we may also in heart and mind thither ascend, and with Him continually dwell, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY.

O God, the King of glory, Who hast exalted Thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto Thy kingdom in heaven ; we beseech Thee, leave us not comfortless ; but send to us Thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Saviour Christ is gone before, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

WHIT-SUNDAY.

God, Who as at this time didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit ; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort ; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

TRINITY SUNDAY.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast given unto us Thy servants grace by the confession of a true faith,

to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity ; we beseech Thee, that Thou wouldest keep us stedfast in this faith, and evermore defend us from all adversities ; Who livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O God, the strength of all them that put their trust in Thee, mercifully accept our prayers ; and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without Thee, grant us the help of Thy grace, that in keeping of Thy commandments we may please Thee, both in will and deed ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O Lord, Who never failest to help and govern them whom Thou dost bring up in Thy stedfast fear and love ; keep us, we beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good providence, and make us to have a perpetual fear and love of Thy holy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O Lord, we beseech Thee mercifully to hear us ; and grant that we, to whom Thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by Thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O God, the protector of all that trust in Thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy ; increase and multiply upon us Thy mercy ; that, Thou

being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal: grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Grant, O Lord, we beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that Thy Church may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O God, Who hast prepared for them that love Thee such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards thee, that we, loving Thee above all things, may obtain Thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Lord of all power and might, Who art the author and giver of all good things; graft in our hearts the love of Thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth; we humbly beseech Thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us those things which be profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Grant to us, Lord, we beseech Thee, the spirit to think and do always such things as be rightful; that we, who cannot do anything that is good without Thee, may by Thee be enabled to live according to Thy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Let Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of Thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O God, Who declarest Thy Almighty power most chiefly in shewing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of Thy grace, that we, running the way of Thy commandments, may obtain Thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of Thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire, or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of Thy mercy; forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Almighty and merciful God, of Whose only gift it cometh that Thy faithful people do unto Thee true and

laudable service ; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may so faithfully serve Thee in this life, that we fail not finally to attain Thy heavenly promises ; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity ; and, that we may obtain that which Thou dost promise, make us to love that which Thou dost command ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Keep, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy Church with Thy perpetual mercy : and, because the frailty of man without Thee cannot but fall, keep us ever by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church ; and, because it cannot continue in safety without Thy succour, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Lord, we pray Thee that Thy grace may always prevent and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Lord, we beseech Thee, grant Thy people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and

the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow Thee the only God ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O God, forasmuch as without Thee we are not able to please Thee ; mercifully grant, that Thy Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O Almighty and most merciful God, of Thy bountiful goodness keep us, we beseech Thee, from all things that may hurt us ; that we, being ready both in body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish those things that Thou wouldest have done ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Grant, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to Thy faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve Thee with a quiet mind ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Lord, we beseech Thee to keep Thy household the Church in continual godliness ; that through Thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve Thee in good works, to the glory of Thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O God, our refuge and strength, Who art the author of all godliness ; be ready, we beseech Thee, to hear

the devout prayers of Thy Church ; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may obtain effectually ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

O Lord, we beseech Thee, absolve Thy people from their offences ; that through Thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed : Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY.

Stir up, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the wills of Thy faithful people ; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of Thee be plenteously rewarded ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT ANDREW'S DAY.

Almighty God, Who didst give such grace unto Thy holy Apostle Saint Andrew, that he readily obeyed the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed Him without delay ; grant unto us all, that we, being called by Thy holy Word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil Thy Holy Commandments ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE.

Almighty and everliving God, Who for the more confirmation of the faith didst suffer Thy holy apostle Thomas to be doubtful in Thy Son's resurrection ; grant us so perfectly, and without all doubt, to believe in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that our faith in Thy sight may never be reprov'd. Hear us, O Lord, through the same Jesus Christ, to Whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. *Amen.*

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL.

O God, Who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of Thy Gospel to shine throughout the world ; grant, we beseech Thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto Thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly beseech Thy Majesty, that, as Thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the Temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto Thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT MATTHIAS'S DAY.

O Almighty God, Who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose Thy faithful servant Matthias to be of the number of the twelve Apostles ; grant that Thy Church, being alway preserved from false apostles, may be ordered and guided by faithful and true Pastors ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

We beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts ; that as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

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SAINT MARK'S DAY.

O Almighty God, Who hast instructed Thy Holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelist Saint Mark ; give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy Holy Gospel ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES'S DAY.

O Almighty God, Whom truly to know is everlasting life ; grant us perfectly to know Thy Son Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth, and the Life ; that, following the steps of thy Holy Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James, we may stedfastly walk in the way that leadeth to eternal life ; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT BARNABAS THE APOSTLE.

O Lord God Almighty, Who didst endue Thy Holy Apostle Barnabas with singular gifts of the Holy Ghost ; leave us not, we beseech Thee, destitute of Thy manifold gifts, nor yet of grace to use them always to Thy honour and glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT JOHN BAPTIST'S DAY.

Almighty God, by Whose providence Thy servant John Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of Thy Son our Saviour, by preaching of repentance ; make us so to follow his doctrine and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching ; and after his example constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT PETER'S DAY.

O Almighty God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ didst give to Thy Apostle Saint Peter many excellent gifts, and commandedst him earnestly to feed Thy flock ; make, we beseech Thee, all Bishops and Pastors diligently to preach Thy Holy Word, and the people obediently to follow the same, that they may receive the crown of everlasting glory : through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE.

Grant, O merciful God, that as Thine Holy Apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient unto the calling of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him ; so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections, may be evermore ready to follow Thy holy commandments ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE.

O Almighty and everlasting God, Who didst give to Thine Apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach Thy Word ; grant, we beseech Thee, unto Thy Church, to love that Word which he believed, and both to preach and receive the same ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE.

O Almighty God, Who by Thy blessed Son didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom, to be an Apostle and Evangelist ; grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires, and inordinate love of riches, and to follow the same Thy Son Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

SAINT MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

O Everlasting God, Who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order ; mercifully grant, that as Thy Holy Angels alway do Thee service in Heaven, so by Thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST.

Almighty God, Who calledst Luke the Physician, whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist and Physician of the soul ; may it please Thee, that by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed : through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE.

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head Corner-stone ; grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made an holy temple, acceptable unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALL SAINTS' DAY.

O Almighty God, Who hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord ; grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Special Collects

FOR THE SEASONS OF THE CHURCH AND
THE LESSER FESTIVALS.



*The following Collects are simply intended to be
supplementary to those in the Book of Common
Prayer.*

EMBER DAYS IN ADVENT.

GRANT we humbly beseech Thee, O heavenly Father, that with Simeon, Anna, and all Thy devout servants who waited for the consolation of Israel; we may at this time so wait upon Thee in fasting and prayer, that by the celebration of the approaching Festival of the Nativity of our Blessed Redeemer, we may like them be filled with true joy and consolation; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY (from "the First Prayer Book," 1549).

O God, Who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of Thy only Son Jesus Christ: grant that as we joyfully receive Him for our Re-

deemer, so we may with sure confidence behold Him when He shall come to be our Judge; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, One God world without end. *Amen.*

CHRISTMAS DAY (at midnight).

O God, Who hast caused this most holy Night to shine with the brightness of the true Light; grant, we beseech Thee, that as we have known on earth the Mysteries of that Light, so we may also obtain the full enjoyment of it in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord; Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

OCTAVE OF THE EPIPHANY.

O God, Who through Thine only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, hast endued the waters of Baptism with the grace which halloweth to eternal life; grant we beseech Thee that we who have received the mystical washing away of sin, may so keep our baptismal robes undefiled, that we may be found worthy at the last to sit down at the marriage supper of the Lamb; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EMBER DAYS IN LENT.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst foretell to Thine Apostles, that they should weep and lament while the world rejoiced, but that their sorrow should be turned into joy; grant that during the time wherein Thou didst suffer for the sins of the world, we Thy unworthy servants may so lament for our sins, which were the cause of Thy sufferings, that on the day of Thy joyful Resurrection we may rejoice with that joy

no man can take from us; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

PASSION SUNDAY.

O God, Who through the precious Blood of Thy dear Son, our great High Priest, hast opened an entrance to the Holy of Holies; grant that we who have been washed with pure water, in the laver of Regeneration, may draw near with pure hearts in full assurance of faith, and finally obtain that eternal Redemption He hath purchased by His most precious Blood; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

PALM SUNDAY.

O God, Who didst send Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ into this world, that He might humiliate Himself to our estate and recall us to Thee; Who when He drew near Jerusalem that He might fulfil the Scriptures, suffered the multitude to strew His path with palms and scattered garments; grant, we beseech Thee, that we may prepare for Him in our hearts the way of faith, and adorn that way with the fruits of righteousness, so that we may be worthy in this Holy Season to follow His steps; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who on this day didst curse the fig-tree bearing leaves and no fruit; take from us Thy servants all vain and false appearances, and make us so plenteously to bring forth the fruit of good works, that we may of Thee be plenteously rewarded; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who on this day didst endure such contradiction of sinners against Thyself: grant that we, who bear Thy Name, may learn of Thee to be meek and lowly of heart, that so we may find rest in Thy Love; grant this, O Lord, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who on this day wast content to be sold to Thine enemies, that Thou mightest redeem Thy people from the power of the devil: grant that we, being redeemed by Thy precious Blood, may never betray Thee by our sins; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

MAUNDY THURSDAY.

O God, Who unto us, in the Blessed Sacrament, hast left a memorial of Thy Passion: grant that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of Thy Body and Blood here on earth, that we may evermore perceive in ourselves the fruit of Thy Redemption; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EASTER DAY (from the "First Prayer Book," 1549).

O God, Who for our redemption didst give Thine only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by Thy glorious Resurrection hast delivered us from the power of the enemy; grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His Resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EASTER-TIDE.

O God, Who gladdenest our hearts by the Festival of the Resurrection of Thy dear Son our Lord: mercifully grant that we, who now celebrate these joyous days on earth, may, at length, attain to the eternal Easter in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ROGATION DAYS.

O Almighty God, Who hast promised that summer and winter, seed-time and harvest shall never cease: and that they who seek Thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, shall obtain all things necessary for their bodily sustenance; look mercifully upon the earth, now covered with the fruit of Thy bounty, and grant us such favourable weather, that in due time we may reap the increase thereof to the glory of Thy Holy Name, the relief of them that are needy, and the supply of our own necessities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

EMBER DAYS IN WHITSUNTIDE.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who at the time of Thy glorious Ascension, didst command Thine Apostles to tarry in Jerusalem until they should be endued with power from on high; and whilst they continued with one accord in prayer and supplication didst according to Thy promise send down upon them the Holy Ghost the Comforter; grant that we Thy servants abiding in the unity of the Catholic Church, the mother of us all, and serving Thee in fasting and prayer; may be evermore replenished with the heavenly grace of the same Holy Ghost; through Thy merits, Who livest and reignest with the Father in the unity of the same Spirit, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

EMBER DAYS IN SEPTEMBER.

Almighty God, Who givest to all life and breath, and all things, and bringest forth food out of the earth for the use of man; keep us ever in mind that the world with the glory thereof fadeth, and grant us so to use the fruits of the earth which Thou hast given us, and all other Thy temporal blessings, wherewith Thou crownest the year, that we may evermore serve Thee in temperance and sobriety, until we come to Thine everlasting kingdom; where we shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, but have Thee for our portion for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FEASTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

O Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, Who in taking upon Thee our flesh wast pleased to be conceived of a pure and holy Virgin: grant that venerating her memory, we may imitate her purity, and may with her enjoy that everlasting blessing which Thou hast pronounced upon the pure in heart, the vision of our God; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

S. JOHN ANTE PORTAM LATINAM.

O God, Who didst call the beloved disciple S. John to be a partaker in the tribulation and patience of the Lord Jesus; and Who on this day didst marvellously deliver him from the malice of his persecutors; grant us after His glorious example so to delight in sharing the sufferings of Thy dear Son, that when His glory shall be revealed, we may rejoice with exceeding joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VISITATION OF THE B. V. M.

O God, Who as on this day, didst give to Thy servant Elizabeth grace to acknowledge the mysteries of the Incarnation of Thy dear Son : grant that we who have been begotten again through the graces of that Mystery, may ever experience in heaven its saving effects ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

S. MARY MAGDALENE.

O Merciful Father, grant us the help of Thy grace, that we may never presume to sin against Thee : but if through the frailty of our nature we fall, grant us to repent after the example of the Blessed Mary Magdalene, that like her we may obtain remission of all our sins ; through the merits of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LAMMAS DAY.

O God, Who didst set free Thy blessed Apostle S. Peter from the chains with which the enemy had bound him : loose us, we pray Thee, from those chains which our spiritual foes have bound around us, that like him we may be set free ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE TRANSFIGURATION.

O God, Who at the glorious Transfiguration of Thy dear Son, didst, by the testimony of Moses and Elias, confirm the truth of the Mystery of the Faith, and, by the voice from the excellent Glory, didst marvellously foreshow the adoption of Thy children : mercifully grant that as we are now, through the sanctification of Thy Blessed Spirit, joint heirs of Christ, so we may hereafter be partakers of His glory ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE HOLY NAME.

God, Who hast made the glorious Name of Jesus Christ, Thy Son our Lord, most dear to Thy faithful people, and most terrible to evil spirits: grant, we beseech Thee, that all we who worship this Name on earth, may receive in this life the sweetness of Thy holy consolations, and in the world to come the joy of Thy presence in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

INVENTION OR EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS.

O God, Who by Thy Holy Apostle S. Paul, hast taught us to glory in the Cross of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: grant that we who acknowledge its saving power on earth, may evermore enjoy its blessed fruit in Heaven; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, Who now liveth and reigneth, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this,

O God, Who by the Cross and Passion of Thy only begotten Son, hast redeemed the human race; grant that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith, that we being rooted and grounded in love, may be enabled to comprehend, with all Saints, what is the length and breadth, the depth and height of the love once manifested upon the saving Tree; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

VIGILS.

O Almighty God, Who hast ordained earthly suffering as the path to eternal glory; grant that, following

in the steps of Thy blessed Saints, we may bear patiently whatsoever trials Thou art pleased to send us here, and may with them enjoy that eternal rest which remaineth to the people of God ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FEAST OF DEDICATION.

O Almighty God, Who hast built Thy Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the head Corner-stone ; grant that we may be so fashioned by Thy Hands, that when Thou shalt suddenly come to Thy Temple at the last day, we may be found living stones, elect and precious ; through Thy dear Son, the chief Corner-stone, and the sure Foundation. *Amen.*

Or this.

O Almighty God, Who year by year bringest back to us the anniversary of the Consecration of this Thy Holy Temple, wherein we are made partakers of Thy Holy Mysteries ; mercifully hear the prayers of Thy servants, and grant that whosoever shall enter this holy house to seek Thy Grace may obtain his desire and depart in peace ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMEMORATION OF MARTYRS.

O God, in Whose sight the death of Thy saints is precious, and Who gavest grace to Thy blessed Martyr S. ——— to glorify Thee by his death : grant that in all our sufferings here below, we may imitate his example, and finally with him receive the crown of glory laid up for all those who love Thy appearing ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMEMORATION OF VIRGIN MARTYRS.

O God, Who amongst other wonders of Thy Grace, hast granted even to the weakness of women the glory of Martyrdom ; mercifully grant that we who commemorate Thy holy Virgin and Martyr S. ———, may hereafter have our portion with her, in Thine eternal and everlasting glory ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMEMORATION OF BISHOPS WHO WERE ALSO
MARTYRS.

Grant, O Lord, that we who commemorate with praise and thanksgiving the holy life and martyrdom of Thy Confessor and Bishop S. ———, may increase in love and faith towards Thee, the great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls ; and that as he yielded up his life for the testimony of Thy truth, so we may be faithful to Thee unto death ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for evermore. *Amen.*

COMMEMORATION OF BISHOPS.

O Shepherd of the Sheep, and true Chief Bishop of our souls, Jesus Christ ; Who didst endue Thy servant S. ——— with special gifts and graces that he might feed the flock committed to his charge, and on this day didst cause him to lay down his burden and enter into Thy rest ; pour upon all our Bishops Thy Holy Spirit, that as he ran, so they may run their race, and like him win the Crown of everlasting glory from Thy Hands ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

S. AUGUSTINE, ABP. OF CANTERBURY.

O God, by Whose special Providence the blessed Bishop Augustine was sent to preach to our heathen forefathers the unsearchable riches of Christ; grant to his successors, to whom is now committed the chief rule over this Church, and to the people under their charge, the gift of heavenly wisdom; that the shepherds may truly guard and minister Thy Holy Word; and that the flock may obediently follow the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMEMORATION OF DOCTORS.

O God, Who hast instructed Thy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Confessor and Doctor, S. ———: grant that not being, like children, carried away by every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the Holy Truths he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

COMMEMORATION OF VIRGINS.

O Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, at Whose coming chaste Virgins do watch and trim their lamps: grant that we who commemorate Thy holy Virgin S. ——— may have our share in that beatitude Thou hast promised to the pure in heart, and behold Thee with unclouded vision; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. *Amen.*

FOR ANY SAINT.

O Almighty God we give Thee thanks and praise for Thy grace made manifest in Thy servant S. ——— whom we commemorate to-day: grant that while we

commemorate *his* memory, we may imitate *his* example, and aided here on earth by the intercessions of Thy redeemed ones in heaven, may at length attain to their blessed society in the Land of the Living, through the merits and mediation of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

FOR SUNDAYS.

O Almighty God, Who on this day didst say, "Let there be light, and there was light," Who also on this day, through the Resurrection of Thine only-begotten Son, didst overcome death, and open unto us the gate of everlasting life: grant that Thy heavenly light may dispel the darkness of our hearts, that we, who have been baptized into the death of Thy dear Son, may be also partakers of His Resurrection; through the same Christ our Lord. *Amen.*





Intercessions.



I. FOR A SCHOOL OR COLLEGE.

VOUCHSAFE, O Almighty Lord, to direct and prosper all that is done for the welfare of Thy servants in this *College*; and grant that all the members of the same may work together for the good of each other, to Thy honour and glory. Amen.

O Thou true Light, Who lightest every man that cometh into the world: do Thou in Thy mercy touch the hearts and lighten the understanding of all who are here gathered together, that they may readily acknowledge and cheerfully obey all that Thou wouldest have them believe and practise for the good of their souls. Amen.

Remember, O merciful God, for good all who have gone from amongst us into the world: pour out upon them Thy Holy Spirit to strengthen and purify them, that, giving themselves up to Thy service here, they may reign with Thee in life everlasting. Amen.

And pardon, O Lord, through Thy most precious Blood, the sins and infirmities of those whom Thou hast set over this *College*; save them from taking to themselves the glory, or marring the beauty, of Thy holy work in the souls of others; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

II. FOR OUR UNIVERSITIES.

Preserve our Universities, O Lord, as the bulwarks of Thy Church, that the youth of our land may find in them a home sanctified by religious discipline and sound learning. Root out from them whatever is contrary to faith or morals. Grant that habits of self-denial may be formed amongst the scholars, and the endowments of charity may be so distributed by the authorities that their advantages may be extended to all the poor and deserving in our land; but chiefly revive in them such a spirit of devotion, that they may send forth many to the work of Thy Church at home and abroad, loving Thee with a pure love, and resolved to offer themselves a sacrifice to Thy love; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

III. FOR CHURCH SCHOOLS AND HOMES OF MERCY.

Vouchsafe, we beseech Thee, merciful Lord, to prosper with Thy blessing all institutions designed for the promotion of Thy glory and the good of souls [*especially*]; grant that those who serve Thee in religious houses, hospitals, schools, may set Thy holy will ever before them, and do that which is well-pleasing in Thy sight, and persevere in Thy service unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV. FOR SCHOOLBOYS GENERALLY.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Child of Bethlehem, Everlasting God: bless, we beseech Thee, the boys (or girls) of _____ School, to the end that they may be truthful, pure, obedient, and ready to do their duty in that state of life to which it shall please Thee to call them. Give also to those whom Thou hast set over them grace so to bring them up for Thee, that teachers and

scholars may meet with joy in the day of Thy appearing; Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

V. FOR A FAMILY.

O Almighty God, look graciously upon this household now gathered together in Thy Name. Give those whom Thou hast set over it wisdom to direct those committed to their charge; give its members strength to fulfil Thy will in the daily toil to which Thou hast appointed them; grant that love and peace, with all other graces, may live and grow amongst us; and that finally we may meet before Thy throne in heaven, and be united in that love for ever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VI. FOR ABSENT MEMBERS.

O Thou, Who in Thy home at Nazareth didst sanctify earthly love: bless those of our household who are absent from us, give thy holy angels charge over them to keep them in all their ways, and grant them so to walk in Thy fear upon earth, that they may at last attain to Thine heavenly home above; Who livest and reignest, God, world without end. Amen.

VII. FOR A SICK MEMBER.

O Almighty Lord and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death: look down from heaven, we beseech Thee, upon N., now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation; assuage *his* pain; make Thou *his* bed in *his* sickness, and, if it be Thy pleasure, prolong *his* days upon earth, and grant that *he* may live to serve Thee faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VIII. A PRAYER FOR A SICK CHILD.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father, to Whom alone belong the issues of life and death ; look down from heaven, we humbly beseech Thee, with the eyes of mercy upon *N.*, now lying upon the bed of sickness. Visit *him*, O Lord, with Thy salvation ; deliver *him* in Thy good appointed time from *his* bodily pain, and save *his* soul for Thy mercies' sake : that, if it shall be Thy pleasure to prolong *his* days here on earth, *he* may live to Thee, and be an instrument of Thy glory, by serving Thee faithfully, and doing good in *his* generation ; or else receive *him* into those heavenly habitations, where the souls of them that sleep in the Lord Jesus enjoy perpetual rest and felicity. Grant this, O Lord, for Thy mercies' sake, in the same Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

IX. ON THE OCCASION OF A MARRIAGE.

O Thou, Who by Thy presence in Cana of Galilee didst sanctify the holy estate of Matrimony : send Thy blessing upon Thy servants *M.* and *N.*, who have (this day) entered upon this holy estate, and so fill them with all spiritual benediction and grace, that living together in perfect love and holy peace in this world, in the world to come they may obtain life everlasting. Amen.

X. FOR THE DAY OF A BAPTISM.

O Almighty Father, Who hast permitted us this day to dedicate our child to Thee, and hast received *him* amongst the number of Thine elect by adoption and grace, grant, we beseech Thee, that leading the days of *his* life according to this beginning, *he* may ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XI. UPON A BIRTHDAY IN THE FAMILY.

O Almighty God, Who hast mercifully preserved Thy servant our dear *brother* during the past year : we render Thee thanks for the blessings conferred upon *him* during its course. We pray Thee to pardon whatsoever sins, through the frailty of *his* nature, he may have committed, and beseech Thee so to preserve *him* by Thy grace during the new period of *his* life on which *he* has now entered, that growing in years *he* may also grow in Thy grace, and ever remain in the number of Thy faithful and elect children ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XII. ON THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

Almighty and most pitiful God, Who hast of Thy mercy said, Suffer little children to come unto Me : we beseech Thee to give us grace to submit to Thy Blessed will, and to thank Thee for our little one whom Thou hast taken from the miseries of this sinful world. And we beseech Thee that, serving Thee here with purity of heart and mind, we may recover *him* who is not lost but gone before in that happy land, where the undefiled ones follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XIII. UPON THE DEATH OF AN ADULT.

O Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect after they are delivered from their earthly prisons : we humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear *brother*, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour ; most humbly beseeching Thee, that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb That was slain to

take away the sins of the world; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our condition is; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting; through the merits of Jesus Christ Thine only Son our Lord. Amen.

XIV. FOR THE PARISH.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and earth: mercifully hear the supplications of us Thy servants, and grant unto this parish [*and*] all things that are needful for its spiritual welfare: Schools wherein to bring up the young in Thy faith and fear; Ministers to labour in this portion of Thy vineyard; [a Church restored to the beauty of holiness.] Strengthen and confirm the faithful; visit and relieve the sick; turn and soften the wicked; rouse the careless; recover the fallen; restore the penitent; remove all hindrances to the advancement of Thy truth; bring all to be of one heart and mind within the fold of Thy holy Church: to the honour and glory of Thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XV. FOR THE CHOIR.

Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that those who are set apart to lead Thy worship upon earth may be admitted to join in the ceaseless song of heavenly worship with Thine elect [*especially*]; let their white robes be to them a constant memorial of the purity

which Thou requirest, and their association with Thy priests on earth remind them of their nearness to Thee, the great High Priest, by Whom alone our praises are acceptably offered to the Father, that so their lives, as well as their psalms, may be found to Thine honour and glory; Who ever livest to make intercession for us, our Mediator and Advocate, our Lord and our God. Amen.

XVI. FOR THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH AT LARGE.

O Lord Jesus Christ Who hast said to Thy Church "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you:" regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are acceptable to Thy will; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

XVII. FOR THE PEACE OF THE CHURCH AT HOME.

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly Union and Concord; that as there is but one Body and one Spirit, and one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may henceforth be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XVIII. FOR THOSE WITHOUT THE CHURCH.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life: have mercy upon those without Thy fold,

wandering in error [*especially . . .*], and bring them to a knowledge of Thy truth. Unite them to Thee by the Sacraments of Thy love, that, partaking of the blessedness of Thy grace in this life, they may dwell with Thee in the life everlasting: Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

XIX. FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS.

O Almighty God, we beseech Thee to hear our prayers for all such as sin against Thee, or neglect to serve Thee; that Thou wouldest bestow upon them true contrition, and an earnest desire to devote themselves to Thy holy Service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XX. FOR THE QUEEN AND THOSE IN AUTHORITY.

O Almighty God, Who by Thy holy Apostle S. Paul hast taught us to fear Thee and honour our earthly rulers: grant unto Thy chosen servant Victoria, our Queen and Governor, and to all that are put in authority under her, Thy heavenly guidance, that they may study to preserve Thy people committed to their charge in wealth, peace, and godliness, and grant unto us also grace to honour and obey them in Thee, and for Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXI. FOR THE BISHOP.

O God, the Pastor and Ruler of Thy faithful servants, look down in Thy mercy upon Thy servant (—) our Bishop, to whom Thou hast given charge over this diocese; evermore guide, defend, comfort, and save him; and grant that he, with the flock committed to his charge, may attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXII. FOR THE CLERGY.

Almighty God, Who alone workest great marvels: send down upon the clergy of this diocese, and all congregations committed to their charge, the healthful spirit of Thy grace; and, that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXIII. FOR MISSIONS.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who didst charge the Apostles to preach the Gospel to every nation: prosper, we pray Thee, all Missions both at home and abroad (*especially* —). Give them all things needful for their work, to the quickening of many souls, and the glory of Thy holy Name. Support, guide, and bless the Clergy who labour in them: give them grace to bear faithful witness to the Truth, endue them with ardent zeal and love, make them patient under disappointments, and submissive under persecutions, that they may turn many to righteousness, and may win to themselves a crown of glory; through Thy merits, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

XXIV. FOR TRAVELLERS BY SEA OR LAND.

O God, who didst call Abraham to leave his home, and didst protect him in all his wanderings: grant to those who now travel by land or sea (*especially* —) a prosperous journey, a quiet time, and a safe arrival at their journey's end. Be to them a shadow in the heat, a refuge in the tempest, a protection in adversity; and grant that, when life's pilgrimage is over, they may arrive at the heavenly country; through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen.

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XXV. FOR MOURNERS.

O God, Who dost hear the cry of Thy children and number their tears: have mercy upon those whom Thou hast afflicted in Thy love, and enable them to bow before Thee in humble submission to Thy appointment. Thou Who didst weep over the grave of Lazarus, assuage their tears and grant them grace to submit to Thy Will, knowing that it is a Father's hand which holds the rod; and grant them, when this life of trial and separation is ended, to find with *him* who has been taken from them a joyful entrance into Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXVI. FOR THE POOR.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who when on earth hadst not where to lay Thine Head: have mercy upon all those who are in poverty and distress. Be Thou the Comforter of the widow, the Father of the orphan, the succour of those in distress, and their wealth in poverty; minister to their bodily necessities; supply their wants while they dwell upon earth; and bring them to that eternal kingdom where there are no tears, neither sorrow nor crying; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

XXVII. FOR THE SICK AND DYING.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who in Thy last agony didst commend Thy Spirit into the Hands of Thy Heavenly Father: have mercy upon all sick and dying persons (*especially*—); and grant that they may omit nothing which is necessary to make their peace with Thee before they die; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

XXVIII. FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED.

O Almighty God, unto Whom all live : we beseech Thee to remember the spirits of all flesh who have departed this life in the hope of Thy appearing, especially our parents, friends, kinsfolk, and benefactors. Grant them, O Lord, we beseech Thee, a place, of refreshment, light, and peace, in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, where all sighing and sadness are banished away, and the light of Thy countenance shineth for ever ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXIX. ON THE DAY OF A DEATH OR BURIAL.

O God, Whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive : we humbly beseech Thee, for the soul of Thy *servant M.* [whom Thou hast this day called out of the world.] Deliver *him* not into the hands of the enemy, but give Thine Angels charge concerning *him* to bear *him* to the land of Paradise ; that having hoped and believed in Thee, *he* may not endure the pains of hell, but possess the joys of Thy everlasting Kingdom ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXX. AFTER AN EARLY COMMUNION.

O Merciful Lord God, Who dost vouchsafe to feed us Thine unworthy children with that Living Bread which cometh down from Heaven, and giveth life unto the soul ; so strengthen and sustain us, we beseech Thee, by Thy most precious gifts, that we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy attain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXI. BEFORE A CONFIRMATION.

O God, by Whose gracious Providence the holy Church continues to observe the doctrine of Baptism and the laying on of hands: mercifully be with Thy servant our Bishop, when he shall come as the successor of Thy Apostles to administer in this parish the holy rite of Confirmation; and grant that all those on whom it shall be conferred may receive it with bodies undefiled, watchful minds, and pure hearts, that being thus blessed by Thy chief Minister, and guided by Thy Holy Spirit, they may never be ashamed to confess the Faith of Christ crucified, but manfully to fight under His banner against sin, the world, and the devil, and continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto their lives' end; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXII. AFTER.

O God, Who gavest the Holy Ghost to Thy Apostles, and wast pleased to ordain that, by them and their successors, He should be given to Thy faithful people until the end: mercifully grant that the hearts of Thy servants, on whom Thy servant, our Bishop, hath now laid his hands, being filled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, may ever remain living temples of the Holy Ghost. Let them ever abide in the unity of Thy Church, and be worthy partakers of Thy Divine Mysteries: through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Redeemer, Who died for our sins, and ever liveth to make intercession for us. Amen.

XXXIII. IN TIME OF WAR.

O God, by Whose gracious Providence all things in Heaven and earth are ruled; Hear our prayers, we beseech Thee; if it be Thy will grant victory to our arms, and restore peace in our time, that we and all

other Christian people may praise Thy holy name in godly union and concord ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon the wounded and the suffering, whether of our own people or of the enemy. Let Thy grace be their comfort, although natural friends be far away. Raise them to health if it be good ; but chiefly give them such faith and patience that they may glorify Thee upon the earth, and, escaping safe from the assaults of Satan, may rest in peace, and rise to partake of Thy glory ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXIV. DURING A PESTILENCE.

O Almighty God, from Whom is derived our life, both in nature and in grace ; remove from us, we beseech Thee, if it be Thy good will, the disease which Thou hast seen fit to bring upon us, and grant that we may not forget those lessons which it was intended to teach, but humbling ourselves before Thee in lasting penitence for those sins by which we have merited Thy wrath, may praise Thy Name for Thy mercy ; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

XXXV. IN TIMES OF FAMINE OR SCARCITY.

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all, spare us when we cry unto Thee ; provide us with the food needful for our life in the world ; enable us to look to Thee for the bread of Immortality ; quicken the liberality of the rich, that they may help the poor in their distress ; strengthen the faith of the poor, that they fall not into sin through their necessity ; pardon us all, and withdraw Thine anger from us ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXVI. AFTER ANY GREAT CALAMITY.

Have mercy, O Lord, upon all those who have suffered in our recent affliction ; supply their outward need, and grant that the present distress may awaken many to energy and love, so that we all, glorifying Thy holy Name, may experience in our sorrows the blessedness of His help Who bore our sorrows ; and when this life of sorrows shall be ended may commit our souls, together with all those whom we have loved, to Thy most holy keeping ; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXVII. FOR THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGED IN CHURCH BUILDING.

O God, Who didst bless Solomon in the building of the Temple : look graciously upon all endeavours to restore the outer fabrics of Thy Church, and to create new places for Thine honour and worship. Grant that they who are engaged in forwarding these necessary works may themselves be built up as holy stones in Thy heavenly Temple, and shine with glory in the mystical Body of Thy dear Son : through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

XXXVIII. A GENERAL INTERCESSION.

Remember, O Lord, Thy Holy Catholic Church throughout the world ; where it is in error correct it ; where it is in superstition purify it ; where it is wanting supply its needs : especially have mercy upon the branch of Thy Church which Thou hast planted in this land, our mother of whom we were born to God.

Turn Thee again, Thou Lord of Hosts ; look down from heaven, behold and visit this vine.

Remember, O Lord, our spiritual Fathers and

brethren, the Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, who throughout the world rightly divide the word of truth.

Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and Thy saints sing with joyfulness.

Remember, O Lord, all those who travel, all those in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, bonds, imprisonment, and who from their affliction call upon Thee, and have none else to help them.

Save them, O God, for Thy Name's sake, and avenge them in Thy strength.

Remember, O Lord our God, the spirits of all flesh who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear, whom we remember, and who are forgotten upon earth, from Abel, Thy just servant, until this present day. Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light, and peace, in the land of the living, in Thy kingdom, in the bosom of Abraham, where sorrow, and pain, and sighing are banished away, where the Light of Thy Countenance ever shineth, and Thou dost wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Eternal rest give unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

And to us sinners, Thy servants, hoping in the multitude of Thy mercies, grant that the end of our lives may be peaceful, and dear in Thy sight. Gather us under the feet of Thine elect, when Thou wilt and as Thou wilt, only without shame and sin ;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Thine only-begotten Son, in Whom Thou art well pleased, with Whom Thou art worshipped and glorified, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, now and for ages of ages. *Amen.*



Thanksgivings.



I. PEACE.

O LORD Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Who in Thy great mercy hast restored unto Thy people the blessing of peace; we render Thee thanks and praise for this Thy goodness towards us, and beseech Thee that Thou wouldest preserve us evermore in Thy holy keeping, that we may bring forth the fruits of a godly and peaceful life: for thine Own merits' sake, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest, God for ever and ever. Amen.

II. FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

O God, in Whose hand are the issues of life and death, Who of Thy great mercy didst raise up Thy servant Hezekiah when sick unto death: we thank Thee that Thou hast restored this our *brother* from the gates of death, and beseech Thee that *he* may dedicate the life Thou hast preserved to Thy service, and finally be found worthy to enter that happy abode where sickness and death may never come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III. FOR DELIVERANCE FROM PERIL.

O God, the protector of all who trust in Thee: we thank Thee that Thou hast in Thy great mercy

extended Thy hand to deliver us from peril and danger. Grant, O Lord, that we may ever abide under Thy defence, that Thy faithfulness and truth may be ever our shield and buckler, so shall we not fear for the pestilence that walketh in darkness, nor for the sickness that destroyeth in the noonday. And grant also, O gracious Lord, that we may shew forth Thy praise not only with our lips, but by giving up our lives to Thy service ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV. AFTER A JOURNEY.

O God, Who didst lead the children of Israel through the Red Sea, as upon the dry land, Who didst also lead the Wise Men from the East to the cradle of Thy dear Son, through the guiding of a star ; we thank Thee that Thou hast granted unto us a prosperous journey, a quiet time, and seasonable weather, and beseech Thee that guarded by Thine Holy Angels, we may arrive safely, this life's journey completed, in the land of everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. DELIVERANCE FROM PESTILENCE.

O God, Who at the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite, didst bid the destroying angel cease : we thank Thee that in like mercy Thou hast now stayed Thine Hand, and delivered our lives from pestilence, our feet from the valley of the shadow of death. We confess that we are unworthy of the least of these Thy mercies, and beseech Thee that we may never more provoke Thee by our sins, but ever serve Thee in holiness of life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen,

VI. AFTER HARVEST.

O God, Who hast promised that seed time and harvest, shall never cease; we thank Thee that Thou hast again crowned the year with Thy bounty, and beseech Thee that we may so use Thy temporal gifts, as pilgrims and strangers here below, that we fail not finally to attain thy eternal and everlasting glory, but may be gathered as wheat into Thy garner; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Or this Collect (from the American Prayer Book).

O most Merciful Father, Who hast blessed the labours of the husbandman, in the return of the fruits of the earth: we give Thee humble and hearty thanks for this Thy bounty; beseeching Thee to continue Thy loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to Thy glory, and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





The Itinerarium :

AN OFFICE TO BE USED IN TRAVELLING.



ANTIPHON.—Into the way of peace.

Benedictus.

BLESSED be the Lord God of Israel ; for He hath visited and redeemed His people,

And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us : in the house of His servant David ;

As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets : which have been since the world began :

That we should be saved from our enemies : and from the hands of all that hate us ;

To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers : and to remember His holy covenant ;

To perform the oath which He sware to our forefather Abraham : that He would give us ;

That we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies : might serve Him without fear,

In holiness and righteousness before Him : all the days of our life.

And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest : for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare His ways ;

To give knowledge of salvation unto His people : for the remission of their sins.

Through the tender mercy of our God whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us.

To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death : and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—May the Almighty and Merciful Lord direct us into the way of peace and prosperity : and may the Angel Raphael go with us on our journey, that we may return to our homes in peace, safety, and joy.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

- V. O Lord, save Thy servants :
- R. Which put their trust in Thee.
- V. Send us help, O Lord, from Thy Sanctuary ;
- R. And defend us out of Sion.
- V. Be unto us, O Lord, a strong tower :
- R. From the face of the enemy.
- V. Let no evil happen unto us ;
- R. Nor the son of wickedness approach to hurt us.
- V. Blessed be the Lord daily ;
- R. And may the God of our salvation make our journey prosperous.
- V. Shew us Thy ways, O Lord ;
- R. And teach us Thy paths.
- V. O that our ways were directed
- R. To keep Thy statutes !

V. The crooked ways shall be made straight :

R. And the rough places plain.

V. God shall give His Angels charge concerning thee ;

R. To keep thee in all thy ways.

V. O Lord, hear my prayer :

R. And let my cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O GOD, Who madest the children of Israel to go on dry land through the midst of the sea, and Who showedst to the Magi the way to Thyself by the guidance of a star : grant us, we beseech Thee, a prosperous journey and a season of tranquillity, that, attended by Thy holy Angel, we may safely arrive at the place whither we are going, and at length come to the haven of eternal salvation. Amen.

O GOD, Who didst bring Abraham Thy servant out of Ur of the Chaldees, and preserve him unhurt throughout his journeyings : we beseech Thee, to take us Thy servants under Thy protection ; be to us, O Lord, our Support in setting out, our Solace on the way, a Shadow in the heat, a Covering from the rain and cold, a Chariot in weariness, a Protection in danger, a Staff in slippery places, a Harbour in shipwreck, that under Thy guidance we may happily reach the place whither we are going, and at length return in safety to our own dwellings. Amen.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers ; and dispose the way of Thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation ; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help. Amen.

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GRANT, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, that Thy family may walk in the way of salvation, and, by following the counsels of S. John the Fore-runner, may come in safety unto Him Whom he preached, Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

V. Let us go in peace,

R. In the Name of the Lord. Amen.





Office for the Faithful Departed. *



This Office is especially suitable after Evensong, on the day before a Burial, but may be used on other occasions. It is commonly said after Evensong, or on All Hallow's Eve.

ANTIPHON.—I will walk before the Lord.

PSALM CXVI. *Dilexi, quoniam.*

1 I AM well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer.

2 That He hath inclined His ear unto me: therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.

3 The snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.

4 I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech Thee, deliver my soul.

5 Gracious is the Lord

and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

6 The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery and He helped me.

7 Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8 And why? Thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9 I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

Grant them O Lord, &c.

* This Office was anciently called Placebo, from the first words of the Antiphon, "Placebo Domine in regione vivorum," in like manner the night (or early morning) Office was called Dirge from the Antiphon, "Dirige," &c.

At the end of each of the Psalms is said,

V. Grant them, O Lord, eternal rest.

R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

ANTIPHON.—I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

ANTIPHON.—Woe is me.

PSALM CXX. *Ad Dominum.*

1 WHEN I was in trouble
I called upon the Lord :
and He heard me.

2 Deliver my soul, O
Lord, from lying lips : and
from a deceitful tongue.

3 What reward shall be
given or done unto thee,
thou false tongue : even
mighty and sharp arrows,
with hot burning coals.

4 Woe is me, that I am

constrained to dwell with
Mesech : and to have my
habitation among the tents
of Kedar.

5 My soul hath long
dwelt among them : that
are enemies unto peace.

6 I labour for peace, but
when I speak unto them
thereof : they make them
ready to battle.

Grant them, O Lord, &c.

ANTIPHON.—Woe is me that I am constrained to dwell with Mesech.

ANTIPHON.—The Lord shall preserve me.

PSALM CXXI. *Levavi oculos.*

1 I WILL lift up mine
eyes unto the hills : from
whence cometh my help.

2 My help cometh even
from the Lord : Who hath
made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy

foot to be moved : and He
That keepeth thee will not
sleep.

4 Behold, He That keep-
eth Israel : shall neither
slumber nor sleep.

5 The Lord Himself is

thy keeper; the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand; yea, it is even He That shall keep thy soul.

6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night. 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: Grant them, O Lord, &c.

ANTIPHON.—The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil.

ANTIPHON.—If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss.

PSALM CXXX. *De profundis.*

1 Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. my soul doth wait for Him: in His Word is my trust.

2 O let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. 6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say before the morning watch.

3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? 7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy; and with Him is plenteous redemption.

4 For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared. 8 And He shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

5 I look for the Lord; Grant them, O Lord, &c.

ANTIPHON.—If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

ANTIPHON.—Despise not then, O Lord.

PSALM CXXXVIII. *Confitebor.*

1 I WILL give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : even before the gods will I sing praise unto Thee.

2 I will worship toward Thy holy temple, and praise Thy Name, because of Thy loving-kindness and truth : for Thou hast magnified Thy Name, and Thy Word, above all things.

3 When I called upon Thee, Thou heardest me : and enduedst my soul with much strength.

4 All the kings of the earth shall praise Thee, O Lord : for they have heard the words of Thy mouth.

5 Yea, they shall sing in

the ways of the Lord : that great is the glory of the Lord.

6 For though the Lord be high, yet hath He respect unto the lowly : as for the proud, He be- holdeth them afar off.

7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, yet shalt Thou refresh me : Thou shalt stretch forth Thy hand upon the furiousness of mine enemies, and Thy right hand shall save me.

8 The Lord shall make good His loving-kindness toward me : yea, Thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever ; despise not then the works of Thine own hands.

Grant them, O Lord, &c.

ANTIPHON.—Despise not then, O Lord, the works of Thine own hands.

℣. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me,
℟. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord.

ANTIPHON.—All that the Father giveth Me shall come unto Me.

Magnificat.

My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For He hath regarded : the lowliness of His hand- maiden.

For behold, from hence-

forth : all generations shall call me blessed.

For He That is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is His Name.

And His mercy is on them that fear Him : throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with His arm : He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the

mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich He hath sent empty away.

He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel : as He promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Grant them, O Lord, &c.

ANTIPHON.—All that the Father giveth Me shall come unto Me, and him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

- ℣. From the gates of hell.
- ℟. Deliver their souls, O Lord.
- ℣. Eternal rest give unto them.
- ℟. And let perpetual light shine upon them.
- ℣. Lord, hear our prayer.
- ℟. And let our cry come unto Thee.
- ℣. The Lord be with you.
- ℟. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

COLLECT.*

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, In Whom whosoever believeth, shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; Who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle S. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him; We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that when we shall depart this life, we may sleep in Him, as our hope is *this* our *brother* doth; and that at the general resurrection at the last day, both we and this our *brother* departed, receiving again our bodies, and rising again in Thy most gracious favour, may, with all Thine elect saints, obtain eternal joy; Grant this, O Lord God, by the means of our Advocate Jesus Christ, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God for ever. Amen.

Or one or more of the following as occasion may require.

ON THE DAY OF A BURIAL.

WE commend unto Thy Hand of mercy, most merciful Father, the soul of this our *brother* departed N., (and *his* body we commit to the earth), beseeching Thine infinite goodness, to give us grace to live in Thy fear and love, and to die in Thy favour, that when the Judgment shall come, which Thou hast committed to Thy well-beloved Son, both this our *brother*, and we, may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son shall then pronounce to all that love and fear Thee, saying "Come ye blessed children of my Father, receive the kingdom prepared for you before the beginning of the world."

* The three following Prayers are from the "First Prayer Book," 1549.

Grant this, merciful Father, for the honour of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, Mediator, and Advocate. Amen.

OR THIS.

ALMIGHTY God, we give Thee hearty thanks for this Thy servant whom Thou hast delivered from the miseries of this wretched world ; from the body of death, and all temptations, and (as we trust) hast brought *his* soul, which he committed into Thy holy Hands into sure consolation and rest. Grant we beseech Thee, that at the day of Judgment *his* soul, and all the souls of Thy departed out of this life, may with us, and we with them, fully receive Thy promises, and be made perfect together, through the glorious Resurrection of thy dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMENDATORY PRAYER.

O ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons ; we humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear *brother*, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour ; most humbly beseeching Thee that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb That was slain to take away the sins of the world ; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF A DEATH OR BURIAL.

O LORD, the God of mercy, unto Whom all live ; vouchsafe we beseech Thee, unto the soul of Thy servant, our dear *brother*, the anniversary of whose (death or burial) we this day commemorate, a place of

refreshment, a blessed rest, and the light of everlasting glory. And grant that we may be united with *him* in the joy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PARENTS.

O God, Who hast commanded us to honour our father and mother, be merciful to the souls of my father and mother, through whom Thou didst give me birth, and grant unto them joy and repose in the bosom of Abraham, where all sadness and sorrow are banished away and the light of Thy presence shineth for evermore. Grant also that I [and all their children] may see them in the bliss of Thine eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR FRIENDS AND BENEFACTORS.

O GOD, the Creator and Redeemer of all mankind, have mercy upon the souls of the faithful departed, [*especially*] all those with whom I have had familiar intercourse, or in whose behalf I have at any time ministered. Grant them rest and light, peace and refreshment, a joyful resurrection, and a merciful judgment, that we, and all others who have departed this life in Thy faith and fear, may have our perfect consummation and bliss in Thy eternal and glorious Kingdom, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR A DECEASED BISHOP OR PRIEST.

O God Who didst confer upon Thy servant, our departed brother, the dignity of the Episcopate (or Priesthood); grant, we beseech Thee, that he may enjoy the eternal fellowship in heaven, of Him Whose office he represented upon earth, the Great High Priest, Jesus Christ our Lord.

MAY the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Benedictio Mensæ.



V. THE eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord :

R. And Thou givest them their meat in due season.

V. Thou openest Thine Hand :

R. And fillest all things living with plenteousness.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

Let us pray.

BLESS us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts, which of Thy mercy we receive ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE King of Eternal Glory make us partakers of His Heavenly Table. Amen.

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

V. Let us bless the Lord :

R. Thanks be to God.

V. All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord :

R. And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost :

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

WE give thanks to Thee, O God, for all Thy benefits; Who livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

V. Blessed be the Name of the Lord :

R. From this time forth for evermore.

BLESSED be God in all His gifts, and holy in all His works, Who liveth and reigneth, world without end. Amen.





SECTION II.

→* Forms of Daily Prayer.*←





Forms of Daily Prayer.

Whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.—
S. Matt. xxi. 22.

As the soul animates the body, so prayer sustains the life of the soul : as the body cannot live without the soul, so the soul without prayer is dead.—*S. Chrysostom.*

He knows how to live well, who knows how to pray well.—
S. Augustine.

On awaking make the sign of the Cross, and say,

✠ Blessed be the Father, Who created me.
Blessed be the Son, Who redeemed me.
Blessed be the Holy Ghost, Who sanctifieth me.

IN the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ✠
crucified for me, I arise : may He lead me safely
through the dangers and toils of this day, and at last
bring me to the rest which remaineth for the people of
God. Amen.

While you wash and dress, pray mentally.

Create in me a clean heart, O God ;
And renew a right spirit within me.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean ;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.



First Form of Morning Prayer.



✠ **I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Blessed be the Holy and Undivided Trinity, now and for evermore. Amen.

I.

ALmighty God, I give Thee humble thanks that Thou hast vouchsafed to preserve me from the perils and dangers of the past night: grant, I beseech Thee, most merciful Father, that through Thy help I may both faithfully live, and walk according to Thy will in this life present, and also may be partaker of everlasting glory in the life to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.
Glory to Thee who givest me sleep
to recruit my weakness,
and to remit the toils
of this fretful flesh.
To this day and all days,
a perfect, holy, peaceful, healthy, sinless course,
Vouchsafe, O Lord.

The Angel of peace, a faithful guide,
guardian of souls and bodies,
to encamp around me,
and ever to prompt what is salutary,
Vouchsafe, O Lord.

Pardon and remission
of all sins and of all offences
Vouchsafe, O Lord.

To our souls what is good and convenient,
and peace to the world,
Vouchsafe, O Lord.

Repentance and strictness
for the residue of our life,
and health and peace to the end,
Vouchsafe, O Lord.

Whatever is true, whatever is honest,
whatever just, whatever pure,
whatever lovely, whatever of good report,
if there be any virtue, if any praise,
such thoughts, such deeds,
Vouchsafe, O Lord.

A Christian close,
without sin, without shame,
and, should it please Thee, without pain,
and a good answer
at the dreadful and fearful judgment-seat
of Jesus Christ our Lord,
Vouchsafe, O Lord.

III.

O ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of mercy and comfort; with reverence and fear, with humble confidence, and strong desire, would I approach the Throne of Grace, begging of Thee mercy and protection, pardon and

salvation. I bless Thee, for that after all my refusals of Thy grace, Thou still hast patience with me, and hast added another day to my life, that I may finish the work Thou hast set me to do, and renew and perfect my repentance. Pardon, good Lord, all my past sins, and all my abuses of Thy forbearance, for which I entreat Thee to give me true and heartfelt sorrow; and strengthen me to lead henceforth a more holy life, and to be more careful in improving all future opportunities.

Lord, let me not live but to praise and magnify Thy Holy Name. Help me to walk uprightly before Thee all my days, that being found watching when my appointed time shall come, I may, from a life of righteousness, be translated to a life of glory, through Jesus Christ, my only Saviour. Amen.

IV.

O LORD, my God, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof; yet since Thou hast appointed me to stand in Thy House, and to serve at Thy Holy Altar, enable me to devote to Thee and to Thy service myself, soul, body, and spirit, with all their powers and faculties. Fill my memory with the words of Thy Law; enlighten my understanding with the grace of the Holy Ghost; and make all the wishes and desires of my will to centre in what Thou hast commanded. And to render me instrumental in promoting the salvation of the people committed to my charge, grant that I may faithfully administer Thy Holy Sacraments, and by my life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word. Be ever with me in the discharge of all the duties of my ministry—in prayer, to quicken my devotion; in praise, to heighten my love and gratitude; and in preaching, to give a readiness of thought and expression, suitable to the clearness and excellency of Thy Holy Word. Grant this for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Saviour. Amen.

V.

GRACIOUS Father, I humbly beseech Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church, that Thou wouldst be pleased to fill it with all truth, in all peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it ; where it is in error, direct it ; where it is superstitious, rectify it ; where in anything it is amiss, reform it ; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it ; where it is in want, furnish it ; where it is divided and rent asunder, make up the breaches of it, O Thou Holy One of Israel. Amen.

VI.

O FATHER of mercies, be merciful to this miserably divided Church in which we live : according to all Thy righteousness, let Thine anger be turned away from us ; supply in it the things which are wanting : strengthen the things which remain and are ready to die ; let religion and virtue season all sorts of men therein ; forgive us all our sins ; turn Thee unto us and bless us, that the world may say, Blessed is this people whose God is the Lord Jehovah, and blessed are the folk whom He hath chosen to Him to be His inheritance !

Lord, hear, and cause Thy face to shine upon this Thy sanctuary, which is thus sadly desolate ; for the Lord's sake. Amen.

VII.

O GOD, merciful and faithful, the Aid of all that trust in Thee, keep safely under the shadow of Thy wings my relations, friends, and all entrusted to my charge, [*especially . . .*] that we may enjoy Thy Presence alway, and increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, till we come to Thine everlasting kingdom. Bring, O Lord, into the way of Truth, all who have erred, and are deceived ; to repentance and

holiness, all who are living in indifference or sin ; strengthen and establish in the way of righteousness, those who are seeking to walk therein. Succour the dying ; comfort and heal the sick ; and have mercy on all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, or any other adversity. [*Be gracious to this family ; and let humility and meekness, peace and charity, holiness and purity, ever rule therein.*] Grant that all may so correct and amend themselves, that they may love, fear, and serve Thee faithfully all their days, through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Here you may add such Intercessions, and Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and Special Graces, as you desire. See Classified Index.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

MAY the Divine Majesty, ✠ Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, bless and defend us, now and evermore ; and may the souls of the faithful, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Splendor Paternæ Gloriæ.

O JESU, Lord of Heavenly Grace,
Thou Brightness of Thy Father's Face,
Thou Fountain of eternal Light,
Whose beams disperse the shades of night ;

Come, Holy Sun of Heavenly Love,
Come in Thy radiance from above ;
And to our inward hearts convey
Thy Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

May faith, deep rooted in the soul,
Subdue our flesh, our minds control ;
May guile depart, and discord cease,
And all within be joy and peace.

O ! hallowed thus be every day,
Let meekness be our morning ray ;
And faithful love, our noon-day light,
And hope, our sunset calm and bright.

O Christ ! with each returning morn
Thine Image in our hearts be borne :
O ! may we ever clearly see
Our Saviour and our God in Thee. Amen.





Second Form of Morning Prayer.

(Adapted from Bishop Andrews.)



I. ACT OF ADORATION.

BLESSED art Thou, O God of our Fathers,
and worthy to be praised, and glorious
for ever.

Who turnest the shadow of death into
the morning, and makest the day dark with night.

Who sendest forth Thy Spirit, and renewest the face
of the earth.

Who lightenest mine eyes, that I sleep not in
death.

Who deliverest me from the terror by night, and the
arrow that flieth by day.

Who makest sleep to pass from mine eyes, and
slumber from mine eyelids.

Who makest the outgoings of the mornings and
evenings to praise Thee.

I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, for the
Lord sustained me.

II. ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

GLORY to Thee, O Lord, and to Thy Holy Name :

I give thanks to Thee :

For all Thy divine perfections :

For Thine ineffable and incomparable goodness and loving kindness to us miserable and unworthy sinners, and we are the chief of sinners.

For Thy love in Creation, Redemption, and Sanctification :

For my Regeneration, Confirmation, participation in Holy Communion, and all other Sacramental Gifts.

For the sweet consolations of Thy Spirit, for the Hope of eternal Glory.

For these and all the countless mercies, day by day renewed.

Glory to Thee, and honour, and praise, and thanksgiving from the tongues of men and angels, from the Saints in glory, and from every creature that moveth, for ever and ever. Amen.

III. ACT OF CONTRITION.

ESSENCE beyond essence, nature increate,
Framer of the world,

I set Thee, Lord, before my face,
And I lift up my soul unto Thee.

I worship Thee upon my knees,
and humble myself under Thy mighty Hand,
I stretch forth my hands unto Thee.

My soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land,

I smite on my breast,
and say with the Publican,
God be merciful to me a sinner,
the chief of sinners.

To the sinner above the Publican,
be merciful as to the Publican.

Father of mercies,
I beseech Thy Fatherly affection,
Despise me not,

Despise not Thou the work of Thine own Hands,
Despise not Thine own image
though branded by sin.

Lord, if Thou wilt Thou canst make me clean.
Lord, only say the word and I shall be cleansed.

And Thou my Saviour Christ,
Saviour of sinners, of whom I am chief,
Despise me not, despise me not, O Lord,
Despise not the cost of Thy Blood,
who am called by Thy Name,
but look upon me with those Eyes
with which Thou didst look upon
Magdalene at the Feast,
Peter in the hall,
the thief on the Cross.

That with the thief I may call on Thee humbly,
Remember me, Lord, in Thy kingdom.

That with Peter I may bitterly weep and say,
Yea, Lord, Thou knowest I love Thee,

That with Magdalene I may hear Thee say,
Thy sins be forgiven thee,
and with her may love much,
For many sins, yea manifold,
have been forgiven me.

And Thou, All-Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit,
despise me not Thy breath,
but turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last,
and be gracious unto Thy servant.

IV. ACT OF FAITH.

I BELIEVE in Thee, O Father,
since verily Thou art a Father,
and we Thy sons,
Like as a father pitieth his children,
so have Thou mercy upon us.
I believe in Thee, O Lord,
since verily Thou art a Lord,
and we Thy servants.
Our eyes wait upon Thee till Thou
have mercy upon us.

I believe that Christ is the Lamb of God.
 O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
 Have mercy upon us. [sinners
 I believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save
 O Thou that camest to save sinners,
 Have mercy upon me,
 the chief of sinners.
 I believe that Christ came to save the lost.
 Thou Who camest to save the lost,
 suffer me not to perish,
 who have been redeemed by Thee.
 I believe that the Spirit is the Lord and Life Giver.
 Thou Who hast breathed into me the breath of life,
 let me not lose the soul which Thou hast given.
 I believe that the Spirit giveth grace through the
 Sacraments
 Thou Who thus givest grace,
 Grant me not to receive the grace of God in vain.
 I believe that the Spirit maketh intercession for us with
 groanings which cannot be uttered.
 Thou Who thus makest intercession for man,
 Intercede for me.

V. ACT OF INTERCESSION.

- **KEEPER** of Israel, and lover of men, remember those
 whom Thou hast made; and since Thou hast con-
 cluded all under sin,
 Have mercy upon all.
- Thou Who hast died and risen again, that Thou
 mightest be the Lord of the living and of the dead :
 Have mercy upon the living and the dead.
- Thou Who art our helper in trouble, and savest
 them who have no helper but Thee,
 Have mercy upon all in affliction, distress, or
 any calamity.
- God of grace and truth :
 Stablish all who are in Thy grace, restore all
 those in heresy and schism.

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- Thou Who art the Head of Thy Body the Church :
Be mindful of Thy congregation, which Thou
hast purchased with Thy Blood.
- Thou Who walkest in the midst of the golden
candlesticks :
Remove not our candlestick out of its place,
supply what is wanting, strengthen and cor-
rect those things which are.
- Thou Who art the Lord of the Harvest :
Send Labourers into Thy harvest,
- Thou Who art the portion of those who sit in Thy
House :
Grant to our clergy that they may rightly divide
the word of truth, and walk uprightly therein.
- Thou Who art the Hope of the ends of the earth and
of them which remain in the broad sea :
Disperse wars and strife, and stablish the
nations in the way of peace ; especially deliver
these islands, and all who dwell therein, from
affliction, peril, or necessity.
- King of kings, and Lord of lords :
Be mindful of Victoria our Queen, that under
her, we may be godly and quietly governed.
- Thou of Whom are ordained all the powers that be :
Grant to her whole council, and to all that are
in authority under her, that they may rightly
and indifferently minister justice.
- God, not only of the fathers, but also of the children ;
Bless our youth, and grant that they may in-
crease in wisdom as in stature and in favour
with Thee and men.
- Thou Who willest us to care for our household, and
hatest those without natural affection :
Be mindful of our kindred according to the
flesh,
- Thou Who willest us to render good to our bene-
factors :
Be mindful of all those who have well deserved
of me, make them blessed upon earth, and

deliver them not unto the will of the enemy.

Thou Who hast commanded us to overcome evil with good, and to pray for our persecutors :

Have mercy upon mine enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

O Thou Who willest us to pray for one another :

Remember, O Lord, for good, all who have me in memory in their prayers, and all whom I have promised to commend to Thee in mine.

O Lord, arise, and have mercy upon all, for it is time that Thou have mercy upon us, yea the time is come.

Here you may add such Intercessions, and Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and Special Graces as you desire. See Classified Index.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

Conclusion.

RECEIVE, O Lord, the oblation of my whole will, my memory and my intellect.

Whatsoever I have or possess Thou hast given me : I restore it to Thee, and deliver it to be fashioned and governed according to Thy Blessed Will, this day and henceforth for ever.

Grant me Thy Love alone with Thy grace, and I shall be rich, neither crave I any other boon. Amen.

"I laid me down and slept, and rose up again ; for the Lord sustained me."

I LAID me down and slept, and rose again,

The praise, O Lord, be Thine :

So would I sink into my last long sleep,

Hallowed by grace Divine :

So would I wake when th' archangel's trump,
Proclaims the end of time ;
And be with Thee where night and sleep are not,
Nor doth the day decline ;
The endless day, where Thou the Portion art,
For ever, ever mine. Amen.





Third Form of Morning Prayer.



✠  **N** the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Place yourself in the Presence of God.

O MY God, I firmly believe that Thou art present, and now seest me; that Thou knowest all my most secret thoughts; I confess that I am a grievous sinner, and unworthy to come before Thee. But Thy goodness and mercy invite me to come to Thee in the name of Thy dear Son. Assist me, therefore, by Thy grace, and send to me Thy Holy Spirit, that the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart, may be always acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord my Strength and my Redeemer. Amen.

Implore the aid of the Holy Spirit.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold gifts impart:
Thy blessed unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dulness of our blinded sight;

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
 With the abundance of Thy grace :
 Keep far our foes, give peace at home ;
 Where Thou art guide, no ill can come.
 Teach us to know the Father, Son,
 And Thee, of Both, to be but One ;
 That through the ages all along,
 This may be our endless song :
 Praise to Thy eternal merit,
 Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Make an Act of Thanksgiving to God for all His past mercies to you, and especially for preserving you through the night.

O ETERNAL God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, I bless Thee, and give Thee thanks for all Thou hast done for me, Thine unworthy servant ; I bless Thee that Thou didst create me in Thy love, that Thou didst send Thy dear Son to die for me, that Thou hast regenerated me in Holy Baptism, sanctified me by Thy Holy Spirit in Confirmation, strengthened me with the precious food of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, forgiven me so many sins, made me a steward of Thy Holy Mysteries, and crowned me with mercy and loving-kindness. And now, especially, I thank Thee that Thou hast preserved me through the night, and hast brought me in safety to the light of another day. What shall I render to Thee, O my God, for all Thy mercies ? Teach me to give Thee my heart, and to yield my body a willing sacrifice to Thee, and to serve Thee all the days of my life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Make an Act of Contrition.

O LORD Jesus Christ, I an unworthy sinner, yet redeemed by Thy precious Blood, plead before Thee, all the holy thoughts of Thy life upon earth, when for us men, and for our salvation, Thou wast made man.

And, O most merciful Lord, I pray from my inmost heart, that Thou wilt pardon me all my sins in thought, which up to this time I have entertained against Thy Will, or caused others to entertain.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I an unworthy sinner, yet redeemed by Thy precious Blood, call to Thy remembrance, all the holy words which for us men and for our salvation Thou spakest upon earth.

And, O most merciful Lord, I pray Thee from my inmost heart, that Thou wilt pardon me all the evil words which up to this time I have uttered against Thy Will, or caused others to utter.

O Lord Jesus Christ, I an unworthy sinner, yet redeemed by Thy precious Blood, call to Thy remembrance, all the good works which for our salvation Thou hast wrought upon earth.

And O merciful Lord, I pray Thee from my inmost heart, that Thou wilt pardon me all the deeds I have committed contrary to Thy will, or caused others to commit.

Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean,
Wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

*Here use prayers for the particular graces you most need.
Think especially of your besetting sin, or weakness, and say,*

O MOST loving Father, I resolve by Thy help and through love of Thee to forsake all occasion of _____; by Thy help I will conquer this sin, (or weakness,) and will strive most earnestly this day to keep from it. But it is only by Thy help I can stand; leave me not to myself: and if through my weakness I fall, raise me up quickly, for the sake of Thy dear Son. Amen.

Unto Thee have I cried, O Lord;
And early shall my prayer come before Thee.
O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise;

That I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

O Lord, turn Thy face from my sins ;
 And blot out all my misdeeds.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God.
 And renew a right spirit within me.
 Cast me not away from Thy presence ;
 And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
 O give me the comfort of Thy help again ;
 And stablish me with Thy free Spirit.
 Our help is in the name of the Lord ;
 Who hath made heaven and earth.

Plead the one all-sufficient Sacrifice.

O HEAVENLY Father, look down from the throne of Thy glory, upon the Sacrifice which our High Priest Jesus presents before Thee for the sins of His brethren. Pardon the multitude of my offences, have compassion upon my miseries. Hearken to the voice of that Blood, which crieth to Thee, speaking better things than that of Abel, and pleadeth for our forgiveness. O let my tongue bless and praise Thee, Who didst give up Thine only Son to death upon earth, that Thou mightest make Him our prevailing Advocate in Heaven. Amen.

Here make an Act of Thanksgiving.

PSALM CIII. 1—5, 8—13.

PRAISE the Lord, O my soul : and all that is within me praise His Holy Name.

Praise the Lord, O my soul : and forget not all His benefits ;

Who forgiveth all thy sin : and healeth all thine infirmities ;

Who saveth thy life from destruction : and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness :

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth He His anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is His mercy also toward them that fear Him.

Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath He set our sins from us.

Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Here dedicate yourself to God.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast preserved me in safety unto this day, Whose I am, and Whom I serve: behold, in union with the Sacrifice of Thy dear Son, I pray Thee to receive the surrender of my whole being: accept and sanctify my memory, intellect, and will. Whatsoever I have, or possess, Thou hast given me. I return it to Thee, to be fashioned according to Thy Holy Will.

Grant me only Thy Love, and the help of Thy grace, and I ask no other boon. Amen.

Pray for grace to hallow the day.

O GOD by Whose merciful providence I am brought to the beginning of this day, grant me the help of Thy grace even to its close. Grant me never to lose sight of Thee, but to order all my actions

as in Thy sight, and to walk in the path of Thy commandments. Enable me to govern all my senses, to guard my heart, and to mortify my flesh, that, serving Thee with a pure heart here below, I may stand at length with a good hope before the judgment seat of Christ, in Whose Holy Name I offer now my prayer. Amen.

Here you may add such Intercessions, and Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and Special Graces as you desire. See Classified Index.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

✠ **I**N the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ Crucified I depart to my daily work, may He direct and guide me, may He sanctify all my toils and suffering, and order all my thoughts, words, and actions in His peace. Amen.

“Redeeming the time.”

ONCE more the sun is beaming bright,
Once more to God we pray,
That His eternal light may guide,
And cheer our souls this day.

O may no sin our hands defile,
Or cause our minds to rove;
Upon our lips be simple truth,
And in our hearts be love.

Throughout the day, O Christ, in Thee
May help by us be found,
To save our souls from Satan's wiles,
Who still keeps hov'ring round.

Subservient to Thy daily praise ;
Our thought and toil shall be ;
So may our works, in Thee begun,
Be ended, Lord, in Thee.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O glorious Son !
Hear us, O Holy Ghost most High !
While endless ages run. Amen.





Fourth Form of Morning Prayer.

[This Form consists simply of Suggestions for Mental Prayer.]



MORNING PRAYER.

I. **WHEN** you awake, give your first thoughts to God, and remember that you have this day as every day—

A God to glorify :	Eternity to pray for :
A soul to save :	Time to profit by :
Sins to repent of :	Neighbours to edify :
Mercy to crave :	The world to despise :
The flesh to mortify :	Devils to combat :
Grace to attain :	Passions to subdue :
Hell to avoid :	Death, perhaps, to suffer :
Heaven to gain :	Judgment to undergo.

- 1.—Place yourself in the Presence of God, in Whom you live, move, and have your being ; Who upholds your feeble life, and knows your needs, even before you ask.
- 2.—Adore the Father Who has created you in His Love, the Son Who has redeemed you, the Holy Ghost Who has sanctified you, and set you apart to be a steward of the Mysteries of God.
- 3.—Thank God for the mercies of the night ; for preservation from sin and danger ; for the care of His holy angels, for His Love in creation, re-

demption, and sanctification, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

- 4.—Think of the sins to which you are most prone, ask forgiveness for sinful habits contracted,—for sins in thought, word, or deed ; ask Him to show you the sins you are not aware of ; pray (1) for forgiveness, (2) for strength to resist through the day.
- 5.—Think of the season of the Church, and offer prayers to secure the especial grace connected with it.
- 6.—Offer intercession for all you should pray for ; the Church at large, your Bishop and fellow clergy, the flock committed to your care, your personal friends, the faithful departed.
- 7.—Think of the especial work before you in the day as Christ's ambassador, and ask God's blessing, offering yourself, your whole energies and powers to His service : then rise, and go forth in His Name to your daily toil.





Devotions

FOR THE

Third, Sixth, & Ninth Hours.*



"Who is there that knoweth not the ordinary hours of prayer to be the Third, the Sixth, and the Ninth, together with the Morning and Evening?"—*S. Jerome.*

"The Third, Sixth, and Ninth Hours divide the day into even spaces of time, and are therefore allotted to prayer; that while we are intent upon other business, and may forget our duties towards God, the very hour when it comes may put us in mind thereof. And how can we do less than three times in the day at least (besides Morning and Evening, which will invite us to prayer of themselves) fall down and worship the blessed Trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost?"—*S. Isidore.*

THE THIRD HOUR.

Nine a.m.

"And it was the Third Hour."—*S. Mark* xv. 25.

"It is the Third Hour of the day."—*Acts* ii. 15.

"Let your prayer be made at the Third Hour also; for then it was that Pilate gave sentence upon our Lord and Saviour, to have Him crucified."—*Const. Apost.*

"At the Third Hour of the day let us give ourselves to holy supplication and prayer, having in continual remembrance the most glorious gift of the Holy Ghost, which was then bestowed upon the Apostles of Christ."—*S. Basil.*

"In the exercise of devotion and prayer, we read that the three children and the prophet Daniel, strong in faith, and victorious in

* NOTE.—These short forms are intended for those, who have not time to say the Offices of Terce, Sext, or None.

captivity, observed the Third Hour of the day, a mystery no doubt of the Holy and Blessed Trinity, which was afterwards to be made manifest, and a type of the Holy Ghost's descent at that very hour."
—*S. Cyprian.*

V. O Thou, Who at the third hour didst send the Holy Ghost upon Thine Apostles,

R. Take not away Thy Holy Spirit from us, but renew Him daily in our hearts, and save us.

Nunc sancte nobis Spiritus.

O HOLY Spirit, Lord of grace,
Eternal Source of Love,
Inflame, we pray, our inmost hearts,
With fire from Heaven above.

As Thou dost join with holiest bond
The Father and the Son,
So fill Thy saints with mutual love,
And link their hearts in one.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost,
All glory be from saints on earth,
And from the Angel-host. Amen.

O GOD, Who (as at this hour) didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee now to send down upon the ministers of Thy Church Thy heavenly blessing, that they may be clothed with righteousness, and that Thy word, spoken by their mouths, may have such success, that it may never be spoken in vain. Grant also that Thy people may have grace to hear and receive what they shall deliver out of Thy most holy Word, or agreeable to the same, as the means of their salvation; that in all our words and deeds we may seek Thy glory and the increase of Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast vouchsafed to regenerate us, Thy servants, by water and the

Holy Ghost, and hast given unto us forgiveness of all our sins, strengthen us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, with the Holy Ghost the Comforter, and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace; the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding; the Spirit of Counsel and Ghostly Strength; the Spirit of Knowledge and True Godliness; and fill us, O Lord, with the Spirit of Thy most Holy Fear: through Him Who hath sent down the Spirit upon His Church, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Here you may add such Intercessions, and Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and Special Graces, as you desire. See Classified Index.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

MAY the Lord of His mercy grant unto us, with all His faithful servants, eternal rest and peace. Amen.



THE SIXTH HOUR.

Noon.

"And it was about the Sixth Hour and there was a darkness over all the earth."—*S. Luke* xxiii. 44.

"Peter went up upon the housetop to pray about the Sixth Hour."—*Acts* x. 9.

"At Noonday will I pray, and that instantly; and He shall hear my voice."—*Psalms* lv. 18.

"Let your prayers also be made at the Sixth Hour, for at that hour was our Lord and Saviour crucified upon the Cross for us."—*Const. Apost.*

"Be instant in prayers with God, and worship Him That hung upon the Cross, at the Sixth Hour of the day."—*S. Athanasius.*

"Besides, we observe the Sixth Hour, not only for that we find holy men before us to have done the like, both in the Old Testament, as Daniel in his chamber, and the New, as Peter upon his house; but also for that our Lord Jesus Christ was at this hour exalted upon the Cross, like the serpent in the wilderness, that whosoever turneth to Him might be healed."—*S. Cyprian.*

V. O Thou, Who didst nail the sins of the world to the same cross with Thyself,

R. Blot out the handwriting of our offences that is against us, and save us.

HYMN. *Rector potens, verax Deus.*

O God, the Lord of place and time,
Who orderest all things prudently;
Brightening with beams the opening prime,
And burning in the midday sky;

Quench Thou the fires of hate and strife,
The wasting fever of the heart;
From perils guard our feeble life,
And to our souls Thy peace impart.

This grace on Thy redeemed confer,
Father, co-equal Son,
And Holy Ghost the Comforter;
Eternal Three in One. Amen.

O MOST gracious Jesus, our Lord and our God, Who, as at this hour, didst bear our sins in Thine own Body on the Tree, that we being dead to sin might live unto righteousness, have mercy upon us, we beseech Thee, both now and at the hour of our death; and grant unto us, Thy humble servants, with all other Christian people who have this Thy Blessed Passion in devout remembrance, a godly and peaceful life in this present world, and through Thy grace eternal glory in the life to come, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost Thou livest and reignest, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

O HOLY Jesus, King of the Saints, and Bridegroom of the Bride, preserve Thy spouse which Thou hast purchased with Thy Right Hand, and redeemed and cleansed with Thy Blood, even the whole Catholic Church, from one end of the earth to the other. Preserve her safe from schism, heresy, and sacrilege. Unite all her members with the bonds of faith, hope, and charity, and an external communion, when it shall seem good in Thine eyes. Let her daily sacrifice of prayer and praise and sacramental thanksgiving, never cease, but be for ever presented unto Thee, for ever united to Thy most effectual intercession, and for ever prevail for the obtaining for every one of her members, grace and blessing, pardon and salvation. Amen.

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O UR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

MAY the Lord of His mercy grant unto us, with all His faithful servants, eternal rest and peace. Amen.

THE NINTH HOUR.

Three p.m.

"At the Ninth Hour Jesus cried with a loud voice and gave up the Ghost."—*S. Mark* xv. 37.

"Peter and John went up together into the Temple at the Hour of Prayer, being the Ninth Hour."—*Acts* iii. 1.

"The Church hath ever been accustomed to interpret one of the prophet's times of prayer to be the Ninth Hour, and to observe it accordingly."—*S. Jerome*.

"The Ninth Hour is accounted solemn and sacred ; that remembering how Christ at this hour commended His Spirit into the Hands of His Father, we also, with devout prayers and supplications, might yield up to Him our souls and bodies a living sacrifice."—*Rabanus Maurus*.

"At this Hour did the Sacraments of the Church flow from the Side of our Saviour ; the Blood, whereby we are redeemed, and the Water, wherewith we are regenerate. Jesus yielded up the Ghost ; the thief was admitted into Paradise ; the labourers were sent into the vineyard ; and forgiveness of sins was promised to them that repent and come unto Christ, even at the last hour. Pray we therefore, etc."—*Rufinus de Div. Off.*

¶ O Thou, Who at the ninth hour, for us sinners and our sins, didst taste death,

℞. Mortify our members upon the earth, and whatsoever is contrary to Thy holy will, and save us.

HYMN. *Rerum Deus tenax vigor.*

O THOU, true Life of all that live !

Who dost, unmoved, all motion sway ;
Who dost the morn and evening give,
And through its changes guide the day.

Thy light upon our evening pour,
So may our souls no sunset see ;
But death to us the open door
Of everlasting glory be.

Father of mercies ! hear our cry ;
Hear us, O sole-begotten Son,
Hear us, O Holy Ghost most High !
Now, and while endless ages run. Amen.

Or this, from the Paris Breviary, daily at None.

HYMN *Labente jam solis rota.*

As now the sun's declining rays
Towards the eve descend,
So life's brief day is sinking down
To its appointed end.

Lord, on the Cross Thine Arms were stretch'd,
To draw us to the sky ;
O grant us then that Cross to love,
And in those Arms to die.

To God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Holy Ghost,
All glory be from saints on earth,
And from the Angel-host. Amen.

HEAR us, O Lord, and remember now the hour in which Thou didst commend Thy blessed Spirit into the hands of Thy heavenly Father, when with a torn Body, and a broken Heart, Thou didst show forth Thy mercy by dying to deliver us from eternal death : and so assist us by that Thy most precious death, that, dying unto the world, we may live unto Thee, and that at the hour of our departing from this mortal life we may be received into Thine everlasting kingdom, there to reign with Thee, world without end. Amen.

Here you may add such Intercessions, and Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and Special Graces, as you desire. See Classified Index.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

ETERNAL Father, I beseech Thee, by the Life and Death of Thy well-beloved Son, and by the bowels of Thy mercy, grant unto me that I may persevere in holiness, and die in Thy favour.

O Blessed Jesus, I beseech Thee, by the love of the eternal Father, and the last words on the Cross, wherewith Thou didst commend to Him Thy Spirit, receive Thou my spirit at the close of my life.

O God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy upon me, and by Thy holy inspiration strengthen me at all times, and especially in the hour of my death.

O Most Holy Trinity, One God, have mercy upon me, now and in the hour of my death. Amen.





Ejaculatory Prayers, etc., for daily use.

On first arising.—I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, for the Lord sustained me.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, Who hast given us sleep to refresh the weary frame,—order, sanctify, and govern all my energies, to Thy glory and the salvation of my soul.

At sunrise.—Unto you that fear My Name shall the Sun of Righteousness arise, with healing in His wings.

While washing.—Wash me, O Lord, in the Blood of Thy dear Son, that I may be found worthy to join those who stand, clothed in white, before Thy throne.

While dressing.—Clothe me, O Lord, with humility, and adorn my soul with the gifts of Thy heavenly grace.

Before reading Holy Scripture.—Thy Word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

When the clock strikes.—Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh.

On going forth for a journey.—The Lord preserve my going out, and my coming in : from this time forth for evermore.

On a journey.—Show me Thy ways, O Lord, teach me

Thy paths. Lead me forth in Thy truth and learn me ; for Thou hast been my guide all the day long.

On beholding the beauties of Nature.—"These are Thy glorious works, parent of good ! Almighty ! Thine this universal frame : Thyself how wondrous then above them all !"

At the completion of a journey.—Then are they glad because they are at rest, and so He bringeth them unto the haven where they would be. O that men would therefore praise the Lord for His goodness, and declare the wonders that He doeth for the children of men.

In beginning any new undertaking.—Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help ; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In trial.—

O by Thine own sad burthen borne
So meekly up the hill of scorn,
Teach Thou Thy priests their daily Cross
To bear as Thine nor count it loss.

Before taking medicine.—Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed, save me and I shall be saved, for Thou art my praise.

In pain or agony.—If it be Thy Will let this cup pass from me, nevertheless not my will but Thine be done, for what son is he whom the Father chasteneth not ?

If the Head was crowned with thorns, shall the members of the Body shrink from their portion of suffering ?

In any danger.—The Lord Himself is my Keeper, the Lord is my defence upon my right hand.

Submission to God's Will.—

"Give me with Thee, at length to be,
And give me *here*, what pleaseth Thee."

In trial.—

"When the shore is gained at last :
Who will count the billows past ?"

At any moment.—

"Remember what thou art, and where,
A sinner in a world of care."

*On hearing the passing bell.—*Eternal rest give unto *him*,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

In passing through the Churchyard.—

"Lord of mercy, Jesu blest ;
Grant them Thine eternal rest."

"When my body here decays,
May my soul Thy goodness praise,
Safe in Paradise with Thee."

*At any moment.—*O Father, sustain me by Thy
power : O eternal Son, enlighten me by Thy wisdom :
O Holy Spirit, sanctify me by Thy indwelling.

*In moments of doubt or unbelief.—*Lord, I believe, help
Thou mine unbelief.

"I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told,
What the Truth hath spoken, that for Truth I hold."

*In moments of temptation.—*By Thy Cross and Passion,
good Lord deliver me.

"Grant that this body's mortal frame,
May know no sin, may feel no shame,
Whereby the fires of hell may rise
To torture me in fiercer wise."

*When tempted to sins of the tongue.—*Set a watch, O
Lord, before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips.

When tempted to evil thoughts.—Let the meditation of my heart be alway acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer.

In temptation to anger.—Who being reviled, reviled not again: when He suffered, He threatened not.

Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us.

After any special mercy or blessing.—Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name. For like as a Father pitieth his children, so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

At sunset.—

"Grant when life's short day is past,
I may be with Thee at last."

At darkness.—Yea, the darkness is no darkness with Thee, but the night is as clear as the day: the darkness and light to Thee are both alike.

When you lie down.—✠ I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only, that makest me dwell in safety.

"Teach me to live, that I may dread
The grave as little as my bed;
Teach me to die, that so I may
Rise glorious at the awful Day."

Last words ere sleeping.—Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

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ANTIPHON.—Hail thou that art full of grace, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb.

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℣ The angel of the Lord announced unto Mary :
℟. And she conceived of the Holy Ghost.
℣ Behold the handmaid of the Lord :
℟. Be it unto me according to Thy word.
℣ The word was made Flesh :
℟. And dwelt among us.

Let us pray.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, pour Thy grace into our hearts ; that, as we have known the Incarnation of Thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by His Cross and Passion we may be brought unto the glory of His Resurrection : through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Evening Prayers.

**"Abide with us, for it is toward evening,
and the day is far spent."**

First Form of Evening Prayer.



**HOLY, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, ✠
Three Persons and one God, have mercy
upon me, a miserable sinner.**

I.

LORD, I know not what to pray for as I ought:
let Thy Spirit help my infirmities, assist me in
searching out my sins, and enable me to offer up a
spiritual sacrifice, acceptable unto Thee, by Jesus
Christ. Amen.

SELF-EXAMINATION.

How have I spent this day ?

**Have I striven to keep myself in the love of God ?
to maintain a sense of His Presence, and to do all
things as in His sight ?**

**What has been the character of my private devo-
tions ?**

How have my ministrations been performed—in Church? in my family? among my parishioners, the sick and the whole? What has been the nature of my intercourse with them, and with others?

What time have I wasted?

What duties have I neglected towards God, my neighbour, or myself?

Of what sins am I conscious, in thought, word, or deed?

II.

O THOU Lover of men, Who art very pitiful, and rich in mercy to all that call upon Thee, I have sinned against Heaven and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son, nor to be made one of Thy hired servants, no, not the lowest. But oh! my Father, my Master, my Saviour, and my King, unworthy and sinful as I am, reject me not as a polluted vessel; but so quicken me by Thy Spirit from the death of sin, that I may walk before Thee in newness of life. Convert me, O Lord, that I may be the means, in Thy hand, of strengthening my brethren. Convert me that I may be blessed to the conversion of many. Yea, convert me, O Jesus, for my own sins' sake, and the greatness of my undeserving before Thee, that I, who most need Thy mercy, may find it in most abundance. Lord, I believe, help Thou my unbelief. Lord, I repent, help Thou my impenitence. Turn Thou me, O Lord, and so shall I be turned. Be favourable unto me, and I shall live: and let what remains of my life be spent in Thy service; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, now and for ever. Amen.

III.

O HEAVENLY Father, forgive, I humbly beseech Thee, for Jesus Christ's sake, whatever Thou hast seen amiss in my thoughts, words, or actions, my commissions of sin, my failures in duty; and assist me

with Thy Holy Spirit in making .it .henceforth my sincere endeavour to resist and conquer every evil inclination within me, and every temptation from without. What I know not, teach Thou me: instruct me in all the particulars of my duty both towards Thee and towards all men; and give me grace always to think and to do those things that are good and well-pleasing in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV.

I RENDER Thee humble thanks, O Lord, my God, for Thy gracious preservation of me during the past day; for defending me from the evils to which I have been exposed, and for continuing to me the comforts of this life, and the hope of life everlasting. And now, O Lord, I go to my bed as to my grave, and know not but that I may awake in another world; but whether I live or die, I commend myself to Thy mercy and goodness. O Thou Keeper of Israel, Who neither slumberest nor sleepest, be graciously pleased to watch over me this night. Keep me by Thy grace from all works of darkness, and defend me by Thy power from all danger. Grant me comfortable and refreshing sleep, such as may fit me for the duties of the following day. And, Lord, make me ever mindful of the time when I shall lie down in the dust; and because I know neither the day nor the hour of my Master's coming, grant me grace that I may be always ready; that I may never live in such a state as I shall fear to die in; but that, whether I live, I may live unto the Lord, or whether I die, I may die unto the Lord; so that living or dying, I may be Thine, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, I make my humble supplication unto Thee in behalf of all

my relations . . . friends . . . and all who have claim on my prayers, particularly . . . Let Thy Fatherly Hand, I beseech Thee, ever be over them ; let Thy Holy Spirit ever be with them, and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of Thy Word, that in the end they may obtain everlasting life.

Have mercy upon this parish, and bless the work of those whom Thou hast set over it. Enlighten the ignorant ; restore the backsliding ; comfort the sorrowful, and succour all who are afflicted in mind, body or estate . . . Heal the sick . . . and take the dying to Thy rest. . . . Look with an eye of pity on all for whom a wearisome night is appointed, whom pain, or anxiety, or danger, shall keep from sleep. Have mercy on them, O Lord, giving them patience under their sufferings, and ease when Thou seest it convenient for them. Be merciful to all the faithful who have departed this life, especially my own relations, . . . to all those whose sick beds I have attended . . . or with whom I have had familiar intercourse. Grant them the remission of their sins, rest and peace, a joyful resurrection, a merciful judgment at the last day, and perfect consummation and bliss both in body and soul, in Thy everlasting glory. Hear, Lord, and answer these my prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, Who  with Thee and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth, One God, world without end. Amen.

Here you may add such Intercessions, and Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and Special Graces, as you desire. See Classified Index.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

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UNTO the King, eternal, immortal, invisible, the
only wise God, be honour and glory, for ever
and ever. Amen.

*When you lie down, commit yourself with the Holy sign to
the care of Him Who neither slumbereth nor sleepeth,
saying,*

✠ I WILL lay me down in peace and take my rest,
for it is Thou, Lord, only That makest me
dwell in safety.

And before you sleep,

I INTO Thy hands I commend my spirit, for
Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God
of Truth.

“Grates peracto jam die.”

THE day is past and gone,
Great God, we bow to Thee ;
Again, as shades of night roll on,
Unto Thy side we flee.

For ills that we have done
Let our true sorrow plead,
And keep us from the evil one,
In thought, and word, and deed.

Ravening he prowls around
Thy fold, O King of Kings,
Father, this night our guard be found,
The shadow of Thy wings.

O ! when shall that day come,
Ne'er sinking in the west,
That Country, and that happy Home,
Where none shall break our rest ?

Where all things shall be peace,
And pleasure without end ;
And golden harps, that never cease,
With echoing lips shall blend.

Blend in their sweet accord,
Of deep and full and bright ;
Like sounds of many waters poured
On the tranced ear of night.

So we, preserved beneath
The shadow of Thy Wing,
For evermore Thy Love shall breathe,
And of Thy mercy sing.

To God the Father praise
And to th' Eternal Son,
And to the Holy Ghost always
Co-equal Three in One. Amen.





Second Form of Evening Prayer.



Place yourself reverently in the presence of God, and make this Act of Adoration.

✠ **I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O JOYFUL Light of the Holy Glory of the Everlasting Father, Which is in Heaven, Holy and Blessed, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We are come unto the going down of the sun, and at eventide we have seen Light: therefore we give thanks and praise to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit of God.

Worthy art Thou at all times to be praised with holy voices, Son of God, Giver of life: therefore doth the world glorify Thee. Amen.

Then make, as in the morning, an Act of Thanksgiving.

O MOST merciful God, I render Thee thanks and praise for all the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon me through my life past, and more especially at this moment, for Thy loving care and protection through the day.

And now, dear Lord, add this one blessing to the rest, that I may clearly discover the sins that I have committed this day, in thought, word, and deed, that no part of my guilt may be hidden from my eyes, but that I may see my sins, and detest them as I ought. Amen.

*Here you may ask yourself carefully the following questions :
if you can answer them favourably, say,—*

NOT unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy Name give the praise.

But if you cannot thus answer them, say,—

O GOD, wash away this sin, through the Blood of Thy dear Son.

1. What was the character of my devotions this morning? (of my ministrations at the Altar?) of my recitation of the offices? of my ministrations to the sick and the whole? have I in each and all remembered His presence Whose ambassador I am, and the solemn responsibility of my position God-ward and man-ward?

2. How have my ministrations been performed towards man? have I been ready to instruct? patient with the ignorant? meek towards the froward? charitable towards the erring? Have I neglected any visits I should have made? omitted any counsel or reproof I should have given? neglected any known duty towards the parish?

3. Have I kept my body in temperance, soberness, and chastity? have I given attention "to reading" and prayer? have I economized my time? neglected the due care of my body?

4. Should it please God to call me this night am I prepared to die? If not, why not?

Here say the Confiteor.

I CONFESS to God the Father Almighty, to His only begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and to God the Holy Ghost, before the whole company of Heaven, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault : (*especially*). For these and all my other faults, I am heartily sorry, purpose amendment by the help of the Divine grace, and humbly implore God the Father Almighty, His only begotten Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and God the Holy Ghost, to have mercy upon me, and forgive me my sins. Amen.

MAY the Almighty Lord grant unto me remission of my sins, space for true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

You may add the following Act of Contrition :—

Two things, O Lord, I acknowledge in myself,
The nature which Thou hast made :
Sin which I have added :

I confess that through these my sins I have deformed
Thy work,

But remember that I am but flesh,
A moment passeth and I am gone.
I cannot return to Thee of myself,
Alas : take from me that is mine :

Increase in me that is Thine :

Let me not perish whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy
Blood.

O Lord if I have made myself a criminal,
Yet I am Thy creature and the work of Thy Hands.
If I have destroyed my innocence,
Yet Thy mercy remaineth.

If I have done whereby Thou may'st condemn me,

Thou hast done that whereby Thou may'st save me.
 My guilt merits damnation,
 But Thy mercy is greater than mine iniquity,
 Spare me therefore whom Thou hast
 Created, redeemed, regenerated.
 Infirm I flee to Omnipotence:
 Wounded to the great Physician:
 Blot out the thick cloud of my transgressions:
 Renew the multitude of Thy mercies.
 Although I am unclean, Thou canst cleanse me:
 blind, Thou canst enlighten me:
 sick, Thou canst heal me:
 dead, Thou canst raise me.
 If Thou castest me out who will receive me?
 If Thou despisest me who will regard me?
 Thou canst spare more than I can commit,
 Thou canst pardon more than I can sin.
 Spare me therefore according to the multitude of Thy
 mercies,
 And Thy loving kindness which hath been ever of old.

Act of Faith and Hope.

I BELIEVE, O God, that Thou hast created me in
 Thy love, and redeemed me when I had gone
 astray, by the precious Blood of Thy dear Son—that
 Thou hast regenerated and sanctified me by the opera-
 tion of Thy Holy Spirit, and hast set me apart to be a
 steward of Thy Sacred Mysteries, and a dispenser of
 Thy word and Sacraments—therefore, O God, trusting
 only in Thee and Thy grace so freely bestowed, I look
 for the pardon of my sins and shortcomings, and for the
 grace of final perseverance through Faith in Thy dear
 Son, and for that eternal bliss which His merits, not mine
 own, have purchased. Therefore in Thy strength I
 will strive to fight against my spiritual enemies, and to
 accomplish the work Thou hast given me to fulfil, so
 that at the last I may receive the reward of labour
 from Thee Who hast given strength to labour, Who

wilt but crown Thine own grace when Thou shalt say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Amen.

Here you may add the General Intercession on page 102, and such other Prayers and Intercessions as you desire, see Classified Index, then conclude.

THE day is gone, I give Thee thanks, O Lord. Evening is at hand, make it joyful unto me. As day has its evening, so also has life: (the even of age is at hand, make it bright to me). Cast me not away in the time of my age, forsake me not when my strength faileth me. For even unto old age be Thou He, and even to hoar hairs carry Thou me.

Abide with me, Lord, for it is toward evening and the day is far spent. The day is declining, the day of life. Let Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness.

Day goeth away, so also doth life, this lifeless life. Night cometh, so also doth death, the deathless death. Near is the end of day, near also the end of life.

Therefore, I beseech Thee, remembering my end, that Thou wouldst dispose the end of my life in peace, that it may be Christian, acceptable to Thee, fortified by Thy Sacraments, free from sin and shame, and, if it please Thee, painless. Gather me, O Lord, under the feet of Thine Elect, when Thou wilt, and as Thou wilt, only without shame and sin. Amen.

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

Commend yourself to God thus ere you lie down.

Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend myself,
my spirit, soul, and body :
Thou didst make, and didst redeem them ;
and together with me, all my friends,
and all that belongs to me.
Thou hast vouchsafed them to me, Lord,
in Thy goodness.
Guard my lying down and my rising up,
from henceforth and for ever.
Let me remember Thee on my bed,
and search out my spirit ;
let me wake up and be present with Thee ;
let me lay me down in peace, and take my rest :
for it is Thou, Lord, only,
that makest me dwell in safety.



“ In the day time also He led them with a cloud, and all the night
through with a light of fire.”

LEAD, Kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on ;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on.
Keep Thou my feet ; I do not ask to see
The distant scene, one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor prayed that Thou
Should'st lead me on.
I loved to choose and see my path ; but now,
Lead Thou me on.
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
Pride ruled my will : remember not past years.



Third Form of Evening Prayer.



✠ **I**N the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

PSALM cxxi.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills: from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh even from the Lord: Who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: and He That keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, He That keepeth Israel: shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord Himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;

So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even He That shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in: from this time forth for evermore.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

Make an Act of Adoration.

BLESSED be the Holy and undivided Trinity from this time forth for evermore,

O ETERNAL God, Whom the heaven of heavens cannot contain: Thou holdest my feeble being, I am the creature of Thy hands, whom Thou hast fashioned out of dust, for dust I am, and unto dust shall I return. Whom have I in heaven but Thee, and what shall I desire on earth in comparison of Thee? I bless Thee, for Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee; Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee.

I adore Thee, as Thou hast revealed Thyself to Thy Church, Three Persons yet one God, Trinity in Unity, my Creator, my Redeemer, my Sanctifier. I believe in Thee, for Thou art the Truth and cannot lie; I hope in Thee for Thy compassions fail not, and in Thee is neither variableness nor shadow of turning. I love Thee, for Thou hast made me for Thyself, and the heart knoweth no rest till it find rest in Thee. Amen.

Here seat your conscience upon its throne and prepare for Self-Examination; go through the day hour by hour, consider your actions towards God, your neighbour, and yourself.

(1) Recall the company and conversation in which you may have joined, (2) the places you have visited, (3) the means of grace you have used or neglected, (4) your ministrations public or private, (5) the books you have read, the account you must one day give as the Steward of the Lord.

Make an Act of Contrition.

O MOST Mighty God, and Merciful Saviour, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, I acknowledge and bewail my manifold sins and wickedness, which I have committed against Thee in *thought, word, and deed*, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault, (*especially*)

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner; rebuke me not in Thine indignation; cast me not away in Thy displeasure; for if I have done that whereby Thou mayest condemn me, Thou hast not undone that whereby Thou art wont to save.

To whom shall I fly but to Thee? If Thou castest me out, who will receive me? Would that I had never offended Thee! that I had ever preserved my Baptismal innocence!

But Thou hast said, 'Ask, and ye shall receive; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened.' I ask for pardon; I seek Thee, the good Physician, to heal my sin; I knock at the door of Thy mercy; Lord, open to me, my God, open to me, that I may live.

OUR Father, &c.

Here add prayers for particular graces, as directed by Self-Examination, and renew your Baptismal and Ordination vows.

O ALMIGHTY Father, relying upon the help of Thy grace, I offer and present unto Thee my body, soul, and spirit, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee, beseeching Thee that I may continue Thine for ever.

Therefore I renew my Baptismal and Ordination vows, I renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil, I believe all that Thou hast revealed through Thy Church, and in Thy Word, and resolve, through the aid of Thine Holy Spirit, to walk in the path of Thy commandments, all the days of my life. I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing, but that I can do all things through Thy dear Son; with Him, and in Him, accept me, unworthy though I be. Amen.

Here make an Act of Thanksgiving.

O MY God, I adore Thee and thank Thee, Who art my chief Good, for all Thy mercies bestowed upon me, a miserable sinner. Thou hast created me

out of dust ; Thou hast redeemed me by the Blood of Thy dear Son ; Thou hast sanctified me by Thy Holy Spirit ; Thou hast preserved me from countless dangers, and prolonged my unprofitable life, even to this hour, although I have so often and grievously sinned against Thee ; and now that Thou hast brought me one day nearer Home, I thank Thee for Thy many mercies during its course. O my God, I cannot thank Thee as I ought ; therefore I plead before Thee the spotless life of Thy dear Son as my one Thank-offering. Together with the praises and thanks which angels and saints have given Thee, accept my humble thanks, and teach me to yield my whole body, soul, and spirit, a perpetual Burnt Offering to Thy Divine Majesty. Amen.

Pray for protection during the night.

O THOU Who art the keeper of Israel, Who neither slumberest nor sleepest, be pleased in Thy mercy to watch over us this night ; and grant that when the day of life shall draw to its close, we may find in death the gate of life eternal ; preserve us, O Lord, waking ; guard us sleeping ; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep, we may rest in peace. Amen.

Here you may add such Intercessions, and Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and Special Graces, as you desire. See Classified Index.

O UR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

T HE day, O Lord, has now ended, what blessings hast Thou given me during its course ! what ingratitude have I shewn Thee ; O preserve in me that which is Thine ; wash away in the Blood of Thy dear Son that which is mine. Amen.

Here rising from your knees prepare for bed.—Think that these bed-clothes are as the shroud which shall one day enfold thee—thy sleep as death, thy waking as the resurrection.

HYMN.

OH when shall I, in endless day,
For ever chase dull sleep away,
And hymns with the supernal choir,
Incessant sing and never tire?

O may my guardian while I sleep
Close to my bed his vigils keep,
His love angelical instil,
Stop every avenue of ill;

May he celestial joy rehearse,
And thought to thought with me converse,
Or in my stead, all the night long,
Sing to my God a grateful song.

BP. KEN.





Fourth Form of Evening Prayer.



[This form consists simply of Suggestions for Mental Prayer.]

I. ADORATION.

PLACE yourself in the Divine Presence: think of the modes and types whereby God is pleased to express His Omnipresence: think of Him as upholding all things by the Word of His Power, as supporting your feeble life, as omnipresent, omniscient, ineffable in holiness, dwelling in light inexpressible.

II. CONTRITION.

Prepare for Self-Examination; pray for the illumination of the Holy Spirit; then go through the day, hour by hour, thank God for all its mercies, and all the temptations you have conquered, and make acts of contrition for all the sins you have unhappily committed, whether in thought, word, or deed, all the duties you have neglected; pray Him to forgive you. Think of Magdalen, of the Lost Sheep, of the Prodigal Son.

III.

Make Acts of Faith, Hope, and Love,

IV.

Make Acts of Intercession, for the whole Catholic Church, especially this branch of it : for all the Christian nations, especially your own country ; for the Queen and all in authority ; for all classes of men, especially your brethren in the ministry ; for your former school and college, for your friends and associates, for your relations, for those dearest to you.

(2) For the souls committed to your care, especially the sick, the dying, the impenitent, and those who have desired your prayers, those to whom you have ministered this day.

(3) For the faithful departed, your ancestors, brethren, and friends, especially for the souls once committed to your care, for whom you must yet give account.

V.

Supplication for the graces and spiritual qualifications you most deeply need.

VI.

Pray for protection during the night, and for the guardianship of the Holy Angels ; pray that this day may have brought you and your flock one day nearer Heaven, and pray that you may resign yourself at last to death, as cheerfully as now to sleep.

Here, rising from your knees, prepare for bed. As you unclothe yourself, reflect that so must your soul at last, unclothed of its vesture of flesh, stand before God ; pray that it may be with joy, and not with grief.

Let your last words be—

✠ Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of truth.

FOR MIDNIGHT.

"At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee, because of Thy righteous judgments."

"At midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God."

My God, now I from sleep awake,
The sole possession of me take ;
From midnight terrors me secure,
And guard my heart from thoughts impure.

Blest Angels ! while we silent lie,
You Alleluias sing on high ;
You joyful hymn the Ever-Blest
Before the Throne, and never rest.

I with your choir celestial join,
In offering up a hymn divine,
With you in Heaven I hope to dwell,
And bid the night and world farewell.

O ! may I always ready stand,
With my lamp burning in my hand ;
May I in sight of Heaven rejoice,
Whene'er I hear the Bridegroom's voice.

All praise to Thee in light arrayed,
Who light Thy dwelling place hath made,
A boundless ocean of bright beams,
From Thy all glorious Godhead streams.

The sun in its meridian height
Is very darkness in Thy sight ;
My soul, O ! lighten and inflame
With thought and love of Thy great Name.

Blest Jesu ! Thou on Heaven intent
Whole nights hast in devotion spent ;
But I, frail creature, soon am tired,
And all my zeal is soon expired.

My soul how can'st thou weary grow
Of antedating bliss below ;
In sacred hymns and heavenly love
Which will eternal be above.

Shine on me, Lord, new life impart,
Fresh ardours kindle in my heart :
One ray of Thy all-quickenng Light
Dispels the sloth and clouds of night.

Lord, lest the tempter me surprise,
Watch over Thine own sacrifice ;
All vain and idle thoughts cast out,
And make my very dreams devout.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below ;
Praise Him above Angelic Host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

BP. KEN.





SECTION III.

Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and other Graces.





Prayers for Ministerial Qualifications and other Graces.



I. FOR SELF AND FLOCK.

ALMIGHTY God, the Giver of every good gift, Who hast appointed divers Orders in Thy Church, mercifully look upon me, Thy most unworthy servant, whom, of Thy Divine Providence, Thou hast called to the holy office of the Priesthood; and vouchsafe me, I beseech Thee, all those gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, which may enable me faithfully to perform the duties of my calling, and to discharge aright the great trust committed to me in it. Give me, O Lord, the spirit of knowledge and understanding, that I may be apt to teach, and skilful to direct and bring up, all those who are under my care, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Give me the spirit of wisdom and counsel, that I may instruct with meekness, admonish with prudence, rebuke with authority, and minister suitable assistance to their several necessities.

Make me diligent, O Lord, in all parts of my sacred function, that I may give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine: that I may meditate on these things, and give myself entirely to them. Possess my mind with a just and tender regard for the precious souls committed to my charge, that

I may watch over them faithfully as one that must give account. And because the form of godliness without the power will be profitable neither to me nor to those that hear me, grant me Thy grace that I may take heed to myself as well as to my instructions, that while I teach others, I myself may not be a castaway. Enable me to show myself a pattern of good works, an example to my flock in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

Neither pray I for myself alone, but specially for those over whom Thou hast been pleased to appoint me Thy minister. Sanctify them, Holy Father, with Thy Truth, and preserve them in it, that not one of them may be lost in the day of the Lord Jesus. Make them of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord, which is the beginning of wisdom, that they may seek first Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof. And put Thy laws, I beseech Thee, into their minds, and write them in their hearts, that they may all know Thee, and may daily improve in this saving knowledge. Give them a ready apprehension, and a retentive memory, that they may receive and keep all profitable instruction, and a diligent and tractable disposition, that they may observe and practise it. O Lord, prosper our joint endeavours, and grant that after a faithful discharge of our respective duties in that state of life which Thou hast appointed for us, we may together receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls, through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. FOR GRACE TO KEEP ONE'S ORDINATION VOWS.

Almighty God, and Heavenly Father, Who of Thy infinite love and goodness hast given Thine only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer, and the Author of everlasting life; Who, after He had made perfect our redemption by His Death, and ascended into Heaven,

poured down the gifts of the Holy Spirit abundantly upon men, making some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers, to the edifying and making perfect His Church; I humbly beseech Thee, by the same Thy blessed Son, to grant to me and all other pastors of Thy Church, that we may ever show ourselves thankful to Thee for these and all Thy other benefits, and may daily increase in the knowledge and faith of Thee and Thy Son by the Holy Spirit; so that as well by us, as by those for whom Thou hast appointed us to minister, Thy holy Name may be for ever glorified, and Thy Kingdom enlarged.

To this end, grant, I beseech Thee, that we may be mindful of the dignity of our office, and of the great and solemn engagements under which we brought ourselves, when we were admitted into it. Grant that we may always have imprinted in our remembrance, how great a treasure is committed to our charge—that the Church, Whom we serve, is no less than the Spouse and Body of Christ, Whom He purchased with His Death, for Whom He shed His Blood upon the Cross. Grant that we may give diligence so to minister His Doctrine, Discipline, and Sacraments, as He hath commanded, and may also teach the people committed to our care faithfully to observe them. Grant that we may be ever ready to drive away all doctrines contrary to Thy Word, and to use both public and private exhortations as well to the sick as to the whole within our cures, as need shall require and occasion be given. Grant that we may be diligent in prayer, and in reading the Holy Scriptures, and in such studies as help to the knowledge of them, laying aside the study of the world and the flesh. Grant that we may be careful to fashion ourselves and our households according to the doctrine of Christ, and to make both ourselves and them, as much as in us lies, wholesome examples to His flock. Grant that we may ever seek to maintain and set

forward quietness, peace, and love among all Christian people, and especially among them that are committed to our charge. Grant that we may reverently obey our Ordinary and other chief ministers, under whose government we are placed, readily following their godly admonitions, and submitting to their godly judgments.

Finally grant, O God, that both we and the people committed to our care, may so fulfil our respective duties, that we may continue true members of Thy Church militant on earth, and may live eternally in the society of the Church triumphant in Heaven, singing praises and Alleluias to the ever-blessed Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, world without end. Amen.

III. FOR SELF AND FLOCK.

Regard, O Lord, my humble supplications, and grant that whoever shall be dedicated to Thee in Holy Baptism by me, Thy unworthy servant, may ever remain among the number of Thy faithful and elect children. Grant, O Lord, that whenever I offer to Thee the Holy Sacrifice which Christ hath instituted, all who partake thereof may draw near with faith, charity, and true repentance, and obtain, to their great and endless comfort, remission of their sins, and all other benefits of His Passion. Grant, O Lord, that when I present the praises and prayers of Thy Church, they may ascend to Thee as a sweet-smelling savour. O God, Who hast committed to me the ministry of reconciliation, give me wisdom and prudence, so that I may rebuke the wicked, and console the penitent, and rightly employ the power of the keys. Endow me with Thy grace that I may be a faithful steward of Thy Mysteries, keeping nothing back, but dispensing everything in its season, never putting darkness for light, nor light for darkness, never calling evil good, nor good evil. Grant that in

reading and preaching Thy Holy Word I may never prefer my own private sentiments before those of the Church, the Pillar, the Keeper and Interpreter of Thy Truth: but do Thou, O Fountain of all wisdom, enlighten my mind that I may see, and teach others the wonders of Thy Law. O chief Shepherd and Bishop of souls, impart to me, the meanest of Thy herdsmen, such a degree of concern as may thoroughly qualify me for this difficult work. Give me a portion of that spirit of meekness which prevailed with Thee to preach to a people who regarded Thee not, but despised and crucified Thee. Enable me, O Lord, to set Thee before me, and imitate Thy example in turning the hearts of those of my flock who are wayward, careless, and prejudiced. Cure me, O gracious Physician, first, and then teach me to know and relieve their maladies, that I may present them sound and acceptable to Thee. Give me, O Lord, a discerning mind, an upright heart, and a sanctified spirit, that in all my thoughts, words, and actions, my first aim may be to show forth Thy glory by setting forward the salvation of my fellow-creatures; that both ministers and people, being preserved faithful members of Thy Church, in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life, may be saved together in one fold under one Shepherd, in the day of the Lord Jesus.

This prayer, offered up in the deepest sense of my own unworthiness and manifold infirmities, I humbly beseech Thee to accept, O merciful Lord, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest One God, world without end. Amen.

IV. FOR GRACE TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

O merciful God, Who hast chosen me, an unworthy sinner, to the office of a Priest, that I should stand between Thee and Thy people, to obtain Thy mercy as well for myself as for them, assist me, O Almighty God,

to fulfil this office and work to the glory of Thy Name and the salvation of myself and Thy people. Make me ever to think and do what is pleasing to Thee, to be an example to others in my life and conversation, to promote, as much as in me lies, Thy honour, and the continual sanctification of souls, to continue instant in prayer, to serve Thee, my God, with ardour and delight, to resist the flesh, and to be fervent in spirit. Grant, O blessed Jesus, that I may be at all times pure and chaste in mind and body, humble in heart, holy in conversation, and without care for the goods and honours of this world, that so I may become more devoted to Thee, and more worthy to partake in the Holy Sacrament of the Bread of Life; and thus, in all my actions, Thou, O Christ, may be glorified, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

V. FOR THE GRACE OF SELF-SACRIFICE.

O Lord Jesus, the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Who ever livest to make intercession for us, and hast caused me, a weak and unworthy sinner, to be ordained for men in things pertaining unto God, that I may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins, and have compassion on the ignorant, and them that are out of the way, cleanse, I pray Thee, my conscience, by Thy precious Blood, from dead works, to serve the living God; and sanctify me with Thy Truth that my offerings may be acceptable to Thee, and that, crucified with Thee, I may myself be offered upon Thy Sacrifice. Grant that, as a good steward of the manifold grace of God, in ministering it to Thy members, I may very willingly spend and be spent for the souls of my brethren, Thy servants; and that, having glorified Thee upon the earth, and finished the work which Thou hast given me to do, I may at length be with Thee where Thou art, and see Thy Glory which Thy Father gave Thee before the foundation of the world: Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

VI. FOR RENEWED GRACE.

Almighty God, Who hast committed to me the word of reconciliation, hast made me an ambassador of Christ, and called me to participate in His Priesthood, renew in me, and in all Thy ministers, the grace which Thou gavest us with the laying on of the hands of Thy servant the Bishop. Make me a worthy minister at Thy Altar, a faithful and wise steward of Thy Mysteries, and so holy, blameless, and acceptable an intercessor between Thee and Thy people, that I may always prevail with Thee in their behalf. Grant that I may give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine; may disesteem and avoid the world, but may love retirement. Thither lead my soul, speak to my heart, and teach me what I should first do myself, and then teach others; and that I may obtain such a supply of Thy grace as is necessary both for me and for them, make me a man of earnest supplication and unceasing prayer. Let my daily sacrifices be pleasing to Thee, and let me be myself offered on the Sacrifice of the Cross by constant mortification of the flesh and spirit, that so I may have this confidence in Thee, that whatever I ask for myself or others, which Thou knowest to be needful, Thou wilt hear me, through our great High Priest, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth for evermore. Amen.

VII. FOR THE DIVINE ASSISTANCE.

O Gracious Lord, Who hast been pleased to call me to the high office of the Priesthood, I look up to Thee for grace and strength to fit me for it. Grant that by a diligent and conscientious discharge of my duty, I may set forward the salvation of those over whom I am appointed Thy minister. Give me such a measure of Thy Holy Spirit as shall be sufficient to support me under all the difficulties I meet with. Bestow a blessing upon my studies, that I may make full proof

of my ministry, and be instrumental in converting many to the Truth. Grant that with a pious, prudent and charitable hand, I may lead and govern the people committed to my care, that I may be watchful in directing them, faithful in rebuking them, fervent in loving them, and patient in bearing with them.

But, Lord, who is sufficient for so great a work? Yet Thou canst enable the meanest of Thy creatures to bring to pass what Thou hast determined. Be pleased, then, to make me an instrument of great good to this parish; and grant that when I have preached to others, I may not myself be lost or go astray. Preserve me from the dangers of a prosperous condition, from forgetfulness of Thee, from conceit of myself, and from disdaining others. If affliction be needful for me, let me not want it: only give me grace thankfully to receive and bear Thy fatherly correction, that after this life is ended in Thy service, I may have a place of rest among Thy faithful servants in the Paradise of God, in sure and certain hope of a blessed resurrection, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

VIII. FOR GRACE TO LEAD A CONSISTENT LIFE.

Almighty God, Who hast made me a guide to others, suffer me not to go astray myself: grant that I may never follow the inclinations of corrupt nature, nor govern myself according to the maxims of an evil world, but may have not only the character, but the spirit, of a minister of Jesus Christ.

O Holy Spirit, sanctify my heart, that no base or impure thoughts, no mean and covetous affections, may lodge there. Rule my tongue, that no corrupt communications may proceed out of my mouth. Guard my eyes, purify my hands, guide my feet, conduct my whole life, that by all the particulars of a good example, I may lead the people committed to my care, in the ways of eternal life, and that no irregularity in my conversation may ever make my

instructions ineffectual, or cause the ways of religion to be evil spoken of.

O Lord Jesus Christ, without Whom we can do nothing, be Thou, not only my Example, but my Advocate with the Father, that I may live as Thou wouldest have me. Amen.

IX. FOR APTNESS TO TEACH.

O Most merciful Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast called me, Thy unworthy servant, to the work of the Apostolic Ministry, to feed the flock committed to my charge with the food of sound doctrine, and be over them, in things pertaining to Thee, in the Church which Thou hast purchased with Thy precious Blood; graft me, I beseech Thee, a worthless branch, into Thyself, the true Vine, that I may bring forth abundant fruit. Make Thy servant apt to teach, that I may declare Thy will to Thy people. Grant that I may hold fast the faithful word as I have been taught, that I may be able both to exhort with sound doctrine, and to convince the gainsayers. Take not the word of Thy Truth out of my mouth, and give me grace to preach it with such fervour, that it may not only strike upon the ears, but enter the heart, and bear fruit abundantly. Amend my life, and change my heart, lest, when I have preached to others, I should be myself a castaway. Take from me all pride, anger, impurity, and desire of filthy lucre. Bestow on me a spirit of hospitality, kindness, sobriety, justice, holiness and continence, that I may cause scandal to no one, nor give occasion to blaspheme. Grant me to love my flock with Thy Compassion, and to deal with them as a mother with her only son. Let none be weak, whilst I am not weak, none be offended whilst I burn not. Very willingly let me spend all things and be spent myself, in behalf of their souls. Help me, O Lord, to strengthen the weak, to heal the sick, to bind up the broken-hearted, to restore the outcast, to seek

the lost, to keep those whom Thou hast committed unto me, that not one of them may perish. Sanctify them by Thy Truth, O most gracious Sanctifier of men, and guard them from all enemies and adversities both of body and soul. Let them be followers of me as I am of Thee, that their obedience may be a reasonable service; and grant to us all so to walk in the paths of faithful Christians, that we may together come to Thee, the true Shepherd of our souls, and rest in the pastures where Thou livest and reignest with the Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

X. FOR DEACONS.

Almighty God, Giver of all good things, Who hast vouchsafed to receive me, Thy unworthy servant, to the office of a Deacon in Thy Church; make me, I beseech Thee, to be modest, humble, and constant in my ministration, and to have a ready will to observe all spiritual discipline, that, having the testimony of a good conscience, and continuing stable and strong in Christ Jesus, I may so well behave myself in this inferior office, that I may be found worthy to be called to the higher ministries in Thy Church, through the same Thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory and honour, world without end. Amen.

O Almighty Lord, Who never failest them that trust in Thee, give me grace, in all difficulties and perplexities to have recourse to Thee; for Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee. Give me a love to Thy service, an unwearied spirit in the things of God. Refresh my soul with Thy comforts: take from me all tediousness and languor of mind, and give me an untiring diligence, an unfailling hope, an insatiable desire of holiness, and an ever increasing charity; that my Lord, at His coming, may find me improving the talent entrusted

to me, and I may enter into His joy to partake of His eternal glory, even for Thy mercies' sake, and for the sake of my dear Saviour. Amen.

XI. BEFORE PREPARATION FOR PREACHING.

O Father of Lights, from Whom cometh down every good and perfect gift, look down from the Throne of Thy Majesty upon me, Thy unworthy servant, and bestow upon me the spirit of wisdom and understanding to enlighten my mind and guide my tongue, that I may speak the things which shall be for Thy glory and the salvation of those who hear me. Deliver me from all pride and vain glory, and grant that in all I say, I may have regard to Thee alone. And lest when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway, make me first to have pity on my own soul, and to render it fit for Thy service; for what will it profit me to have gained the whole world and lost my soul?

O Lord, I entreat Thee mercifully to forgive me whereinsoever I have already sinned, and to grant me Thy grace that what I shall say in word, I may in deed fulfil, and be of the number of those who, labouring well in word and doctrine, are counted worthy of double honour—honour from Thee, O Lord, Who wilt reward what I do, and honour from men, who, hearing my words and seeing my good works, may glorify Thee, my Father, Who art in Heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

* A CAUTION BEFORE PREACHING, FROM S. FULGENTIUS.—Let the preacher labour to be heard intelligently, willingly, obediently. And let him not doubt that he will accomplish this rather by the piety of his prayers, than the eloquence of his speech. By praying for himself, and to those whom he is to address, let him be their beadsman, before their teacher; and approaching God with devotion, let him raise to Him a thirsting heart, before he speaks of Him with his tongue; that he may speak what he hath been taught, and pour out what hath been poured in.

I cease not therefore to ask from our Lord and Master, that He

XII. BEFORE CATECHISING.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst to Thy Apostles, *Suffer little children to come unto Me, for of such is the Kingdom of Heaven*, fill my heart with the love of Thee, that by word and deed, I may lead children to Thee, and not one may be lost of those whom Thou hast entrusted to me. Give me the spirit of wisdom that I may supply them with the food of Thy Heavenly doctrine, and being nourished with the sincere milk of the Word, they may avoid the enticements of the world, and come to Thee, Who art the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Give me the spirit of love, that I may draw them on to love Thee with a perfect heart, and to keep Thy commandments with all their strength, that being redeemed with Thy precious Blood, they may ever live to the praise and honour of Thy Name. Give me, O Lord, the spirit of fear and discretion, that I may never offend one of these little ones, but, being kept by Thee, may be able, after the pattern of Thy holy Angels, to keep them also to eternal life. Give me the spirit of meekness and patience, that I may ever receive and instruct them with all gentleness, and at length be found worthy to be received with them into heavenly habitations. Make me to become as a little child, that, being united to Thy flock, I may seek nothing but Thee, and love

may, either by the communication of His Scriptures, or the conversations of my brethren, or the internal and sweeter doctrine of His Own Spirit, deign to teach me things so to be proposed and asserted, that I may ever hold me fast to the truth : from this very Truth I desire to be taught the many things I know not : I have received the few I know.

I beseech this Truth, that loving-kindness preventing and following me, It would teach me the wholesome things that I know not ; keep me in the true things I know ; correct me, wherein I am (which is human) in error, confirm me wherein I waver ; preserve me from false and noxious things, and make that to proceed from my mouth which as it shall be chiefly pleasing to the Truth itself, so it may be accepted by all the faithful, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

nothing but Thee, O most loving Jesu! Pour down upon us, O Lord, Thy heavenly blessing, that I and the children whom Thou hast entrusted to me, may appear before the Presence of Thy Divine Majesty in eternal blessedness, may follow Thee, the Lamb, with hymns of rejoicing, wherever Thou goest, and with the Angels always behold the Face of Thy Father, with Whom, in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, Thou livest and reignest, world without end. Amen.

XIII. BEFORE ADMINISTERING HOLY BAPTISM.

Blessed Lord, Who of Thy great mercy hast brought me out of darkness into Thy marvellous Light, and made me a minister of the Sacrament of Regeneration, make me ever mindful of Thy unspeakable blessings; and grant that, with *this child*, I may again renounce the devil and all his works, may be inseparably united to Christ my Saviour, and by Him, our great High Priest, Who Himself baptizes by the hands of His ministers, may offer myself to Thee a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XIV. AFTER.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, when Thou camest into the world, saidst to Thy Father, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God!" and willedst to be presented by Thy parents in the temple, write Thy Law on the heart of *this child* that *he* may always keep it: receive at the hands of *his* parents *him* whom Thou hast saved by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost, whom they now present to Thee, and through Thee to the most Holy Trinity, not as their own, but as Thy *brother* and *member* and the temple of the Holy Ghost. Grant that receiving *him* back from Thee as a precious trust, for which they must give a strict account, they may bring *him* up in the nurture

and admonition of the Lord ; and being protected by Thy holy Angels, *he* may grow in grace and wisdom, may keep undefiled the faith and innocence of *his* baptism, and be found by Thee at Thy appearing, with the white robe of holiness, and the burning lamp of charity.

Receive and sanctify me also, O Lord, Almighty Father, for the sake of Thy dear Son ; and impart to me the continual aid of Thy Holy Spirit, that I may do Thy will in all things, and faithfully discharge the duties of a Christian and a priest, to Thy glory, and the salvation of myself and of those entrusted to me ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XV. BEFORE ANY DEVOTIONAL OFFICE.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who art ready at all times to hear the prayers of those who devoutly call upon Thee, open my heart and lips to bless and glorify Thy Name, Which is blessed for evermore. Take from me all vain and wandering thoughts, that while I praise Thee with my mouth, I may worship and bless Thee with my heart and mind, that I who by Thy goodness alone have been brought into being for Thy praise and glory, may, as long as I live, continue devoted to Thee, and may serve Thy Divine Majesty with all my strength and power, now and for ever. Amen.

XVI. BEFORE SERVICE IN CHURCH.

We wait for Thy loving-kindness, O Lord, in the midst of Thy Temple. O hear the voice of my humble petitions when I cry unto Thee, when I lift up my hands towards Thy mercy-seat. O my God, let Thine eyes be open, and Thine ear hearken unto the prayer and praise that are offered in this place, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

XVII. AFTER SERVICE.

Forgive, for Christ's sake, O merciful Father, the imperfection of this service ; and grant that our prayers and praises may, by the ministry of Thy holy Angels, be brought up into Thy Tabernacle in Heaven, there to be offered before the Throne of Thy Divine Majesty, sprinkled with the Blood of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let Thy blessing rest upon us, merciful Lord, and Thy gracious Presence abide ever with us. Amen.

XVIII. BEFORE HEARING CONFESSIONS.

Create in me a clean heart, O God :

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy Presence :

And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation.

And uphold me with Thy free Spirit.

Then shall I teach transgressors Thy ways :

And sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou God of my salvation :

And my tongue shall sing aloud of Thy Righteousness.

O God the Holy Ghost, Perfecter of the Elect, pour Thy heavenly light into the hearts of these Thy penitent servants, that they may know and acknowledge all their sins against Thee, and confessing and forsaking them may obtain mercy. And upon me, Thy ministering servant, bestow Thy grace, that I may rightly heal that which is broken, and bind up that which is wounded, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, give me Wisdom that sitteth by Thy Throne, that I may judge Thy people according to

right. Make me so to use the power of the keys that I may open to none to whom I ought to shut, nor shut to any to whom I ought to open. Give me a pure intention, sincere zeal, patient charity, and such diligence as shall not be in vain. Make me gentle, and at the same time faithful, that I may neither despise the poor, nor pay court to the rich. Impart to me wisdom to turn sinners from the evil of their ways, to strengthen them in what is good, and to aid them to advance continually from grace to grace. Enlighten me to advise aright in difficult cases; suffer me not to be harmed by the evil I may hear; and grant that, in seeking to save others, I may not fail of salvation myself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XIX. AFTER.

O Lord God, Who willest not the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted and live, have regard to the sacrifice of a troubled spirit, a broken and contrite heart, offered to Thee by *this penitent*, promising to keep hereafter the judgments of Thy righteousness. Strengthen that which Thou hast wrought in us, loosing in Heaven what in Thy Name we have loosed on earth, and perfecting more and more in the fear and love of Thee the sanctification of *him* whom the Good Shepherd hath sought in *his* wanderings, and laid on His shoulders, and brought back rejoicing. Let not *his* last state, through the return of the devil, be worse than the first, but make *him* to walk henceforth in newness of life. Forgive me also, O Lord, all the failings and imperfections of which I have now been guilty. Grant that what I have heard may not be to me the occasion of sin, but that considering myself, seeing that I am compassed with infirmity, I may ever watch unto prayer, that I fall not into temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XX. THREE PRAYERS BEFORE VISITING THE SICK.

O Lord and Saviour, Who when upon earth didst go about doing good, and willest that we should rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep, I, Thy unworthy minister, am now about to visit Thy sick servants, in order to comfort them in their sickness and pain. Regard not, O merciful God, my sins, but the office which I fulfil ; and impart to me abundantly of Thy grace, that through my words they may be confirmed in Faith, Hope, and Charity ; and if any of them should have departed from Thee, they may be brought back to Thy service, and so their present sickness may promote their everlasting salvation ; for Thine own Merits' sake. Amen.

XXI.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast the keys of life and death, look down with favour upon this our *brother*, for whom Thou hast died, and who hath called for me an unworthy elder of Thy Church, that in obedience to Thy command, I should pray over *him* (*anointing him with oil in Thy Name*). Grant therefore, O Lord, that the prayer of faith may save *him*. Do Thou raise *him* up ; and whatever sins *he* may have committed, let them be forgiven *him*, that whether in health or sickness, in life or death, *he* may praise and love Thee for ever.

And to myself, O Lord, impart a feeling of true compassion, that I may sorrow with this Thy servant in *his* necessity, and my prayer in *his* behalf may proceed from a lively faith. Give me grace to mourn both for *his* sins and for my own.

Arouse *him* by my words to offer to Thee the sacrifice of a troubled spirit ; and grant that those who stand by may, in pity to *his* soul, devoutly pray for its salvation, and ever seeking to please God, and

to keep themselves from all sin, may prepare for themselves a death precious in Thy sight, through that which Thou didst suffer for the sins of the world. Amen.

XXII.

Grant, O Lord, that the unction of Thy Holy Spirit may ever abide in the heart of this Thy servant, and teach *him* to offer to Thee all *his* supplications, in union with the Passion and Death of our Lord Jesus Christ. If it please Thee to restore *him* to health, make *him* to desire Thee alone, and whenever he shall come to die, let him hear from Thee the words, "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise," and there possess Thee for ever.

And let Thy grace, O Lord, be ever with me, that I may always live as if about to die, and may so watch over my senses and my members, as to abstain from all sin, and do in all things Thy good and perfect Will. Thou wilt come in an hour when I think not: it may be that Thou wilt call me even before this Thy sick servant. Lord Jesu, have mercy on me; be merciful to me a sinner, and by Thy Death and Passion, make me always ready to die in Thee, and to possess Thee for ever in Heaven, Who, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, wilt be the everlasting delight of Thy saints, world without end. Amen.

XXIII. AFTER.

O Merciful Lord, the Giver of all good things, vouchsafe that Thy servants whom I have now left, may not be forsaken by Thee, but may be refreshed with that inward comfort which passeth all the consolation of this world. Forgive me whereinsoever I may have erred through lukewarmness, or weakness, and graciously give effect to whatever good I have attempted to do. Suffer not that the sick should die in their sins, but grant that they may be converted

and live ; and whether life or death be appointed for them, they may in all things receive Thy will with joy ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXIV. FOR ONE IN SICKNESS.

Almighty and most merciful Father, Who afflictest not willingly the children of men, and by Whose holy Will now languishes in sickness and pain, make, I beseech Thee, this, Thy fatherly visitation, effectual to those gracious purposes for which Thou sendest it ; let it end, if I may presume to ask, not in death, but in perfect repentance ; let *him* live to promote Thy kingdom on earth by the useful example of a better life : but if Thy will be to call *him* hence, let *his* thoughts be so purified by *his* sufferings, that *he* may be admitted to eternal happiness. And grant to me, also, O Lord, while yet preserved by Thy goodness in soundness of mind and body, to consider my own sins, and my own danger, to remember the shortness of life, and to use the time which Thy mercy grants me to Thy glory, and my own salvation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXV. FOR ONE IMPENITENT WHEN IN DANGER OF DEATH.

O Merciful God, our only Help in time of need, hear me, I beseech Thee, for Thy sinful and unhappy servant. Give *him* a true sense of all *his* sins, and sincere repentance of them, that they may be done away by Thy mercy, and *his* pardon sealed in Heaven, before *he* go hence and be no more seen. Grant that with a firm faith in Thy compassion, *he* may lay hold of Thy promises in Christ Jesus to all that repent and believe. Look upon the work of Thine own Hands. Let not *his* sins obstruct Thy mercy. Suffer *him* not to be unmindful of this day of visitation, nor to die estranged from Thee.

O blessed Jesus, O powerful Advocate, by Thy Cross and Passion, undertake for *him*, and deliver *him* from the bitter pains of eternal death, as Thou didst the penitent thief, even at the last hour. Amen.

XXVI. BEFORE OR AFTER A FUNERAL.

O Almighty God, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect, after they are delivered from their earthly prisons; I humbly commend the soul of Thy servant, our dear *brother*, whose body, in hope of the Resurrection, we are about to commit to the ground, [*or have now committed to the ground,*] into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; most humbly beseeching Thee that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, I pray Thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb, That was slain to take away the sins of the world; that whatever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may appear pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who survive in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our own condition is, and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the Merits of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

XXVII. BEFORE STUDY.

O God, Who teachest man knowledge, and makest the tongues of them that cannot speak, eloquent, and hast commanded that the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth, because he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts, send me Wisdom from Thy holy Heavens, and from the

Throne of Thy Majesty, that she may be with me and labour with me, that I may know what is acceptable in Thy sight. Give me understanding, that, taking heed unto myself, and to Thy doctrine, I may become a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of Truth. Give me the wisdom of the Saints, to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge ; and make me an able minister of the New Testament, to give knowledge of salvation unto Thy people, that they may know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent. Amen.

XXVIII. AFTER.

O Lord, suffer me not to be puffed up with the knowledge which shall vanish away, but bestow on me the charity which edifieth and never faileth, that I may not become vain in my imaginations, but may determine not to know anything amongst men save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified ; for His own merits' sake, our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, without Whose Help labour is useless, without Whose Light search is vain, invigorate my studies, and direct my enquiries, that I may, by due diligence and right discernment, establish myself and others in Thy holy Faith. Take not, O Lord, Thy Holy Spirit from me ; let not evil thoughts have dominion in my mind. Let me not linger in ignorance, but enlighten and support me for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXIX. BEFORE READING HOLY SCRIPTURE.

O God, the Fountain of all wisdom, I most humbly beseech Thee to enlighten my mind, that I may myself see, and be able to teach others, the wonders of Thy law ; that I may learn from Thee what I ought to think and speak concerning Thee ; and that whatever in Thy Holy Word I shall learn, I may indeed fulfil.

Direct and bless all my labours. Give me a discerning spirit, a sound judgment, and an honest and religious heart, that in all my studies my first aim may be to set forth Thy glory and to set forward the salvation of mankind. And if Thou art pleased that by my ministry sinners shall be converted, and Thy Kingdom enlarged, give me the grace of humility, that I may never ascribe the success to myself, but to Thy Holy Spirit, Which enables me to will and to do according to Thy good pleasure. Grant this, O Father of Light and Truth, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

XXX. AGAINST INQUISITIVE AND PERPLEXING THOUGHTS.

O Lord, my Maker and Protector, Who hast graciously sent me into this world to work out my salvation, enable me to drive away all such unquiet and perplexing thoughts, as may mislead or hinder me in the practice of those duties which Thou hast required. When I behold the works of Thy Hands, and consider the course of Thy Providence, give me grace always to remember that Thy thoughts are not my thoughts, nor Thy ways my ways. And while it shall please Thee to continue me in this world, where much is to be done, and little to be known, teach me, by Thy Holy Spirit, to withdraw my mind from unprofitable and dangerous enquiries, from difficulties vainly curious, and doubts impossible to be solved. Let me rejoice in the light which Thou hast imparted, let me serve Thee with active zeal and humble confidence, and wait with patient expectation for the time in which the soul which Thou receivest, shall be satisfied with knowledge. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

XXXI. AFTER THE COMPLETION OF ANY WORK OF DIFFICULTY.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but to Thy Name be the glory. O Saviour of men, I offer unto Thee this work, which by Thy power I have now accomplished, giving Thee hearty thanks for the help which Thou hast graciously afforded me, for the removal of all hindrances, and the fulfilment of Thy will. Truly, I have done nothing worthy of Thy Majesty, for far beyond any merit of mine are the blessings with which Thou hast continually visited me. Whatever imperfections I have been guilty of, I beseech Thee to forgive, supply and amend. If I have done anything good, receive, perfect, and preserve it as Thine own; and ever excite and assist me to do with renewed fervour what is pleasing to Thee; for Thine own sake. Amen.

XXXII. ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF BAPTISM.

O Merciful God, Who of Thy infinite goodness didst vouchsafe that I should, as on this day, be born again of water and of the Holy Ghost, and thereby become the child of Thy adoption, graciously pardon whatever I have done unworthy of that adoption, and renew within me the spirit of holiness which was then poured out upon me at the holy Font, that having my heart sprinkled from an evil conscience, I may hold fast the profession of my faith without wavering. Let the gift of the Priesthood, O Lord, which I have since received, strengthen in me what was wrought by Holy Baptism, that being made a partaker of the Divine Nature, I may avoid the corruption which is in the world through lust, and obtain the reward of everlasting incorruption; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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XXXIII. ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD.

Almighty and everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to call me Thy unworthy servant to minister at Thine Altar, be merciful to my sins, and make me a fit minister to Thee, that Thou mayest graciously receive Sacrifice at my hands, and number me amongst Thy faithful priests. Let the holy office with which I have been invested, render me acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord; and grant that, trusting in Thy mercy, though in myself most unworthy, I may worthily partake of those Holy Mysteries, which I presume to celebrate; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXIV. A MISSIONARY'S PRAYER.

O Lord, Whose blessed Son did pray to Thee for all those who should believe through the word of those whom He sent to make known Thy Will: I beseech Thee to make me an instrument of propagating Thy Gospel, of converting those who are ignorant of it, and of fulfilling Thy Will, Who wouldest have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the Truth.

Teach me, O Lord, by Thy Spirit, Thy Word, and the Example of Thy dear Son, how I ought to teach others. Prepare them by Thy grace for instruction; give them a serious concern and fear for themselves, that, feeling their unhappy condition, they may earnestly seek for help, and thankfully accept it, when offered to them.

Make me to rely alone, O God, on Thy Almighty grace, for success in my labours and ministry; and do Thou impart to me a zeal both prudent and earnest, to promote Thy glory, the interests of Thy Kingdom, and the good of souls, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

XXXV. FOR VARIOUS GRACES AND VIRTUES.*

Grant me, O Almighty and Merciful God, earnestly to desire, wisely to enquire after, truly to believe, and perfectly to fulfil, the things which are pleasing to Thee. Order my condition for the praise and glory of Thy Name. Make me to know what Thou wouldest have me to do, and give me the will and the power to perform it. Let my way towards Thee be safe, direct, and perfect, without interruption either in prosperity or in adversity, so that in the one I may not be lifted up, nor in the other cast down; but may be thankful to Thee in prosperity, and patient in adversity. Let me neither rejoice nor grieve at anything but what may advance me to Thee, or withdraw me from Thee: and neither seek to please, nor fear to displease, any one but Thee. Grant that I may do all things in love, and reckon as dead whatever concerns not Thy service. Let not my daily actions be performed merely from habit, but with devout reference to Thee. Let all transitory things, for Thy sake, become worthless to me, and Thyself, O my God, dearer than all. Let all toil delight me which is for Thee, and all repose be tedious which is not in Thee.

Grant me, O most gracious Lord, with frequency and fervour to lift up my heart to Thee, and with full purpose of amendment, to think with sorrow on my shortcomings. Make me, O God, unfeignedly humble, cheerful without frivolity, serious without dejection, grave without moroseness, active without levity, truthful without scrupulosity, fearful of Thee without

* In the last edition, the prayers following, were printed as a separate Section, under the title, "Special Prayers, which may be incorporated with either Morning or Evening Prayers, or the Devotions for the Hours, or used separately;" in this edition it is thought well for the sake of simplicity to combine all the Occasional Prayers in one Section. A few Intercessions are omitted here as they will be found in Section I., p. 89, etc.

despair, hoping in Thee without presumption; enable me to be chaste without severity, to admonish my neighbour without hypocrisy, to edify him by word and example without arrogance, to be obedient without gainsaying, patient without murmuring.

Give me, O most gracious Saviour, a very watchful heart which no envious imagination may lead away from Thee, a heart fixed on Thee which no unworthy affection may draw backwards, a steadfast heart which no tribulation may overcome, a free heart which no violent temptation may bring into bondage, an upright heart which no forbidden object may turn aside from the paths of rectitude.

Bestow on me, most merciful God, understanding to know Thee, diligence to seek Thee, wisdom to find Thee, habits of life pleasing to Thee, perseverance to await Thee in quietness and confidence, and faithfulness to trust in Thee till the end. Grant me to be so chastised by penitence, so to use in my pilgrimage Thy gracious benefits, that at length I may come to the enjoyment of Thy glorious reward, Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest one God, for evermore. Amen.

XXXVI. THE LORD'S PRAYER PARAPHRASED.

Our Father, holy art Thou, and holy is Thy Name above every name, to be revered and hallowed by all, but by some more than others, and by Thy ministers most of all. Yet have I not hallowed It, nor attempted what in me lay. Woe is me! I confess it openly, desiring to grieve from my heart, mind, soul, and spirit, and asking for pardon, and for grace, that henceforward I may so speak, act, and live, that Thy Name, O Lord, may be hallowed by me, and by others through me.

Let Thy kingdom come to me here in the state of grace, that I may come to it in the state of glory; and grant me by Thy grace to perform something in Thy

earthly kingdom, that I may attain to a place in Thy Heavenly, though it be the lowest at the feet of Thy Saints.

Let the will of the flesh depart from me, and Thy holy, just, and gracious Will be done in the earth by me, who am of the earth, as it is in Heaven.

Give us what pertains to health, peace, and sufficiency: give us Angels' Bread unto life eternal.

Forgive me my debts, my vast amount of debts, my foul backslidings, my frequent relapses, my daily pollutions. If Thou, Lord, wert extreme to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who may abide it? But with Thee there is mercy, and plenteous redemption from sin, and Thou wilt deliver from all iniquities. Deliver me, O Lord, from mine; deliver my soul from the nethermost hell.

And, mindful of my weakness, lead me not, nor suffer me to be led, nor to fall, into temptation; but deliver me from evil,—evil in myself, the flesh and its temptations, evil in the devil and his suggestions, evil in the punishments which I have most righteously deserved, evil in the accidents and diseases of this life, in the work wherein I am engaged, evils past, present, and to come—from all these set me free, O Lord, and preserve me, Thy servant, for evermore. Yea, O Lord, according to all Thy mercy, let Thy most righteous indignation be turned from me, though often and grievously have I sinned against Thee; let Thine anger be turned away from me, from my parents, my Bishop, my flock and household, from my relations, friends, neighbourhood, and country, from all Christian people, and from the whole world. Amen. (BP. ANDREWS.)

XXXVII. FOR DEVOTION IN PRAYER.

O Lord God, Who through Thy mercy in Christ, permittest me a miserable sinner to make my request before Thee, I humbly beseech Thee that the frequency

and earnestness of my prayer may be somewhat answerable to my great need of Thy pardon, mercy, and protection. O Lord, be pleased to deliver me from sinful infirmity in act and prayer. Make me henceforth to rejoice in every opportunity of drawing nigh Thee in prayer; deliver me from all vain and wandering thoughts, and suffer me always to come before Thee with reverence befitting Thy awful Majesty. More particularly, teach, dispose, and enable me to betake myself to prayer, in time of temptation, as to my only hope of overcoming. Grant that I may no more draw nigh to Thee with my lips, while my heart is far from Thee, and so have my prayers turned into sin; but may so ask that I may receive, seek that I may find, knock that it may be opened unto me; and, from praying to Thee here, may at length be removed to praise Thee eternally in Thy glory, through the Merits and Intercession of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXVIII. FOR THE LOVE OF GOD.

O God, Who art worthy of a greater love than we can give or understand, fill my heart with such love towards Thee as may cast out all sloth and fear, that nothing may seem too hard for me to do or suffer, in obedience to Thee; and grant that by thus loving Thee I may daily become more like unto Thee, and finally obtain the crown of life which Thou hast promised to those that love Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XXXIX. FOR THE LOVE OF MAN.

Blessed Lord, Who hast given us a new commandment that we should love one another, and hast taught us that where envy and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work, give me grace to be kindly disposed towards all men, and never to be the cause of division among any of Thy people. Put away from me all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and evil

speaking, with all malice; and grant that in honour preferring others, I may walk in love, even as Thou, Lord, lovedst me, and gavest Thyself to die for my sins. Amen.

XL. FOR CONTENTEDNESS.

O God, our Heavenly Father, Who by Thy Son, Jesus Christ, hast promised to them who seek Thy kingdom and the righteousness thereof, all things needful to their bodies; keep me, I beseech Thee, under the protection of Thy good Providence, and teach me, in whatever state I am, therewith to be content. Give me grace to forsake all covetous desires, and so to pass through things temporal, that I finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLI. FOR DILIGENCE.

O God, Who hast commanded that no man should be idle, but that all should work with their hands the thing that is good, grant that I may diligently do my duty in that holy function to which Thou hast been pleased to call me. Give me grace faithfully to improve all the talents Thou hast committed to my trust, and to suffer no worldly business, no worldly pleasures, ever to divert me from the thoughts of the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLII. FOR PERSEVERANCE.

O Eternal Lord God, Who art the same yesterday, and to-day, and for ever, be pleased to have compassion on me, Thy feeble creature, who am light and inconstant, liable to be turned about with every blast. My understanding is easily deceived: O stablish it in Thy Truth; keep it from the snares of seducing spirits that I may not be led away with the errors of the wicked, and fall from my own steadfastness. My will

O Lord, is irresolute and wavering, and cleaveth not steadfastly unto Thee ; my goodness is as the morning cloud, and as the early dew passeth away. Strengthen and confirm me, I beseech Thee ; and whatever good work Thou hast begun in me, graciously perform it until the day of Christ. Thou seest, O Lord, my weakness, and knowest the strength of my temptations. Leave me not to myself, but cover my head in the day of battle, and make me more than conqueror through Him that loved me. Let no threatenings or flatteries ever draw me from obedience to Thee ; but grant that I may be steadfast and immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, and by a patient continuance in well doing, seek to obtain glory, honour, and immortality ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLIII. AGAINST SLOTH.

O God, Who hast given me many opportunities of doing Thee service, give me grace to make use of them all, and to strive continually to do good in my generation. Make me to shun that indifference which would lead me into insensibility, and forgetfulness of Thee and of my duty. Keep me from sloth, which would expose me to temptations, enfeeble my mind, and destroy my usefulness. Make me ever sensible of the evil of delaying to do the work, in its season, which Thou hast appointed me, that whatsoever my hand findeth to do I may do it with all my might ; so that whenever I am called to give an account of my labours to my great Master, I may not be found an unprofitable servant. Amen.

XLIV. FOR CHASTITY.

O Holy and immaculate Jesus, Who wast born of a pure Virgin, and delightest to dwell in pure and virgin hearts, cleanse me, I beseech Thee, from all filthiness

of flesh and spirit. Suffer me at no time to pollute my body, which is the temple of the Holy Ghost, with any uncleanness; and enable me to keep my heart with all diligence, so that no unchaste thoughts may be harboured there; but being kept pure and undefiled in both body and soul, I may glorify Thee here, and be glorified with Thee hereafter, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

See also Collect for Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, p. 61.

XLV. FOR CONTEMPT OF THE WORLD.

O God, Who by Thy grace turnest our weak and earthly minds to the desire of Heavenly things, break, I beseech Thee, the chains which bind me to the world; preserve me from its snares and allurements, teach me to look down upon its splendour, to despise its pleasures and all things which it holds out to us, and to count them but dung that I may win Christ, and be found in Him. Grant, O Lord, that, though in the world, I may not be of the world, but may there direct my heart where alone true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLVI. FOR HUMILITY.

Almighty God, Who resistest the proud, and givest grace to the humble, mercifully grant that I may follow the example of the great Humility of Thy Blessed Son, Who did humble Himself to take upon Him our flesh, and to suffer death upon the Cross. Convince me that I am less than the least of all Thy mercies, that so, knowing myself vile, I may esteem every one better than myself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLVII. FOR MEEKNESS.

Almighty God, Who hast given Thine only Son to be unto us both a Sacrifice for sin, and also an Example of godly life, give me grace to learn of Him Who was meek and lowly of heart, to put on bowels of mercy, meekness, and long-suffering, to be so far from offering the least injury that I may never return the greatest: and grant, I beseech Thee, that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered by Thy governance, that I may joyfully serve Thee in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLVIII. FOR POWER TO RESIST TEMPTATION.

O Merciful Lord God, Who hast vouchsafed to feed us, Thy unworthy creatures, with that Bread Which came down from Heaven, and giveth life unto the soul, so strengthen and sustain me by Thy most gracious Gifts, that I may resist all the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and walking in the way of Thy commandments, may glorify Thy holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XLIX. AGAINST ANGER.

O Lord, Who art slow to wrath, ready to pardon, and of great kindness, remove from me all causeless and immoderate anger, all pride and prejudice, and too much concern for the things of this world, all intemperate speeches and undue excitement. Give me, O God, a mild, peaceable, and humble spirit, that remembering my own infirmities, I may bear with those of others; that considering my sacred office, I may rebuke with all long-suffering and gravity; that I may think lowly of myself, and not be angry when others also think lowly of me; that I may be patient towards all men, gentle and easy to be entreated; that God, for Christ's sake, may be so towards me. Amen.

L. FOR FAITH AGAINST UNBELIEF.

O Almighty God, Who hast taught us that without faith we cannot please Thee: grant me that precious gift, the evidence of things not seen, that I may cheerfully acknowledge, and readily obey, all Thou wouldst have me believe and do. Grant that this holy gift may ever be an anchor of my soul, sure and stedfast, whereby I may safely overcome the storms of life's tempestuous sea, and clinging to Thee Who art my first beginning, and my chief good, may at length see Thee face to face, when faith shall be lost in sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LI. A RECOGNITION OF GOD'S PRESENCE.

O Almighty God, Infinite and Eternal, Who fillest all things; Thou art everywhere by Thy Essence and Thy Power, in Heaven by Thy Glory, in holy places by Thy Grace and Favour, in the hearts of Thy servants by Thy Spirit, in the consciences of all men by the witness which Thou bearest of Thyself; teach me to walk always as in Thy Presence, to fear Thy Majesty, to reverence Thy Wisdom and Omniscience, that I may never dare to commit in Thy sight what is displeasing to Thee. Grant that I may manifest my belief of Thy Presence here by walking circumspectly, and may experience the blessed effects hereof in the participation of Thy eternal Glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LII. IN ANY TROUBLE.

O God, Who seest all my weaknesses, and the troubles that I am called to bear, have regard to the prayer of Thy servant, who stands in need of Thy help, Thy direction, and Thy comfort. Enable me to suffer as a Christian, and not to sorrow like an un-

believer, to receive troubles as punishments due to my sins, exercises of faith, patience, and humility, and trials of obedience; and grant that I may improve this and all my afflictions to Thy glory and the good of my soul.

O Jesu, Who hast known what troubles and sorrows are, have compassion on me in my trouble. Thou, Who wast despised and rejected of men, Whose life was sought by Herod, Who wast tempted by the devil; Who wast hated by the world which Thou camest to save, and set at nought by Thine own people, Who wast called a deceiver and a dealer with the devil, Who wast driven from place to place, and hadst not where to lay Thy Head, Who wast betrayed by one disciple and forsaken by the rest, wast falsely accused, spit upon, and scourged, set at nought by Herod and his men of war, given up by Pilate to the will of the Jews, hadst a murderer preferred to Thee, wast condemned to a most shameful death, crucified between two thieves, reviled by those who passed by, hadst gall and vinegar given Thee to drink, and didst suffer a most bitter death, submitting with patience to the Will of Thy Father :

O Jesu, Who now sittest at the Right Hand of God, to succour all those who are tempted and suffer, be Thou my Advocate with the Father for grace, that, in all my sufferings, I may follow Thy Example, and be supported under all the difficulties and discouragements with which, for the trial of my patience and fidelity, I may, at any time, be exercised. Amen.

LIII. ON OUR BIRTHDAY.

Almighty God, the Father and Maker of all things, by Whom I was fearfully and wonderfully made, and to Whose Providence I have been left ever since I was born, I praise and magnify Thy glorious Name for Thy great goodness towards me, and humbly beseech

Thee that I may learn so to number my days, and apply my heart unto wisdom, that I may answer the end for which I was brought into the world—even to serve Thee, the living God. Make me to bewail the sinfulness of my past life, and to spend the remainder of my days in Thy fear ; and as on this day Thou didst take me out of my mother's womb to live here a little time, so on the last day take me out of the womb of the earth to live with Thee for ever ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LIV. WHEN TRAVELLING.

O Lord, save Thy servant who putteth his trust in Thee, and grant me, I beseech Thee, a prosperous journey, a peaceful time, and a happy return. I give Thee thanks for that Thou hast brought me thus far in safety on my way, and preserved me from all perils. Make me to proceed under the guidance of Thy holy Angels to the place whither I would go, and thence return in health and safety to my own home, and at last enter the gate of eternal life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LV. WHEN AT SEA.

Almighty God, Who commandest the winds and the sea, and they obey Thy Voice, mercifully hear our prayers, and deliver us from the dangers to which we are now liable. To Thy favour and protection we commend ourselves, our souls, and bodies, and all that belongs to us. Pardon our sins, avert the judgments which we deserve, prosper us in the way we go, bring us to our home and our friends in peace, and grant that we may at last come to the land of everlasting rest ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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LVI. FOR THANKFULNESS.

Gracious God, Who hast taught us by Thy holy Word, that it is a joyful and pleasant thing to be thankful, make me truly thankful for all Thy mercies from time to time bestowed upon me, (*especially . . .*) and grant that I may use all Thy blessings to set forth Thy Glory, and to set forward my own salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LVII. AN ACT OF THANKSGIVING.

O Almighty God, trusting in Thy goodness, I will adore and thank Thee; and I beseech Thee to receive the praise which it is in my heart to give. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, Who hast brought me forth into life, and ordained that I should be a living soul, and not senseless matter; a man, and not a brute; civilized, and not barbarous; free, and not a slave; endued with reason, and not an idiot; perfect in senses, and not blind nor deaf; sound in limbs, not halt nor maimed; educated, not left in ignorance; a Christian, and not a Heathen, a Turk, or a Jew; preserved from dangers and infamy, set free from many sins, endued with the gifts of grace in Redemption and calling, with the gifts of nature and fortune. Blessed be Thou, O Lord, Who, according to Thy great mercy, hast begotten us again unto a lively hope, by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, unto an inheritance, incorruptible, undefiled, and unfading, reserved for us in Heaven; Who hast blessed me with all spiritual blessings in Heavenly things in Christ; Who comfortest me in all my tribulation, that when the Sufferings of Christ abound in me, so also my consolation may abound through Him. To Thee, O God of my fathers, I give thanks; Thee I praise, Who hast caused me to be the work of Thine Hands, the price of Thy Blood, the image of Thy Countenance, the servant

of Thy purchase, called by Thy Name, the child of Thine adoption, a member of Thy Church, and the temple of Thy Spirit. To Thee, O Lord, Who art able to do exceeding abundantly, above all that we ask or think, according to Thy power that worketh in us ; to Thee be glory in the Church in Christ, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

LVIII. FOR PREPARATION FOR DEATH.

Almighty and Everlasting God, Whose righteousness is like the strong mountains, and Thy judgments like the great deep, teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. And grant, that neither the splendour of any thing that is great, nor the conceit of anything that is good in us, may withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes ; but that, according to the example of Thy blessed Martyrs, we may press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, in faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance unto the end ; and all this for Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ His sake ; to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

LIX. FOR A HOLY DEATH.

O God, Who hast appointed unto all men once to die, give me true repentance for all the errors of my past life, and steadfast faith in Thy Son Jesus Christ, that my sins may be done away by Thy mercy, and my pardon sealed in Heaven, before I go hence and be no more seen. Make known to me, O Thou Searcher of hearts, whatever charge is against me, that I may confess, bewail, abhor, and forsake all the evils of which I have been guilty, Have mercy upon me, have

mercy upon me, most merciful Father, Who desirest not the death of a sinner ; for Thy Son Jesus Christ's sake forgive me all that is past. And, O blessed Advocate, Who by Thy Death hast destroyed Death, and art able to save them for ever who come unto God by Thee, seeing Thou ever livest to make intercession for us, I put my cause into Thy Hands ; let Thy Power defend me, Thy Blood and Merits plead for me ; supply all the defects of my repentance ; procure for me a full remission of all my sins ; and by Thy powerful grace strengthen me in all goodness during the remainder of my life ; that death may be a blessing to me, and I may find mercy at the great day. Amen.

O Eternal and Holy Jesus, Who by Thy Passion and Death hast deprived Death of its sting, and made it the gate of Heaven, and the entrance to everlasting felicity, have mercy upon me now and at the hour of my death. Let Thy grace accompany me all the days of my life, that by a holy conversation and a diligent performance of my duty, I may wait for Thy Coming, and be ready to enter in with Thee at whatever hour Thou shalt come. Lord, let not my death, if it please Thee, be untimely or sudden, but after the usual manner of men. Grant that I may die the death of the righteous, free from deadly sin, having fully discharged all my just obligations, and leaving behind me none miserable and unprovided for ; but be Thou, O Lord, the Portion of all my friends and relations, and let Thy Blessing descend upon their heads, and abide there till they shall meet me in Thy Bosom. Preserve me ever in the communion and peace of the Church ; and bless my death-bed with a holy and spiritual guide, with the words of Absolution, with the assistance and guard of Thy Angels, with the reception of Thy precious Body and Blood, with patience, and denial of my own desires, with a strong faith, a firm and humble hope, with deep repentance, and fervent

charity to Thee, my God, and to all the world, that my soul may with safety and joy be deposited in Thy Arms, there to await the revelation of Thy Day, and then to partake of the glories of Thy Kingdom, O eternal and holy Jesus, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, livest and reignest for ever. Amen.

**LX. FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE CHURCH AGAINST
HER ENEMIES.***

Almighty God, graciously look down upon Thy Church, which has hitherto stood firm by Thy Power. Visit Thy Vineyard, planted by Thy Right Hand, and watered by the Precious Blood of Christ; for many at this day rise up against it with cruel persecution, and seek to lay it waste, But do Thou, O Lord, arise, stir up Thy Power, and come and help us. O Eternal Shepherd, preserve Thy sheep from the jaws of the wolves, from those who speak falsely, and turn aside from the truth to pestilent errors.

Help us, O God, for the glory of Thy Name, and suffer not them to prevail against us, who take pride in their unrighteousness and deceit; but bring down their hearts, deceived by the fraud of the devil, that they may repent: and enlighten all whose minds are blinded by heresy, that they may return to the truth of the Catholic Faith.

Increase in us the faith of Thy Word, O Lord: and strengthen that which Thou hast wrought in us, that no storms or tempests may ever move us from the faithful doctrine which hath been taught from the beginning, but continuing with one mind in the unity of the Faith and of the Church, we may be found steadfast and faithful, exercising ourselves in good works, until at length, with a quiet and joyful conscience, we arrive at the harbour of peace, there to rest in Thee, praising and magnifying Thee, our God and Lord, in the Church triumphant, for ever and ever. Amen.

* See also Section I., p. 38.

LXI. FOR THE ADVERSARIES OF THE CHURCH.

O God, Who art the Author, Lover, and Preserver of Christian peace and charity, Whose blessed Son hath so commended the unity of the Church as to pray that it might ever remain unbroken among His followers, preserve and defend us against all enemies of her peace and unity, whether secret or open. Have mercy on all, I entreat Thee, who, misled by pestilent errors, have forsaken her to join new sects, or, through contempt of her authority, maintain and spread abroad strange doctrines. Forgive them, O Lord, for they know not what they do, or if they know it, they consider not with themselves how great is the wickedness of persecuting, in her faithful members, the Church's Head, of cutting themselves off from His Body, and rending His seamless Robe.

O Thou, Who art the true Light, be pleased to enlighten the eyes of those who are blinded by the darkness of Heresy and Schism, that they may see themselves as they are, and seeing may repent, and return in humility to Thee and to Thy fold, O Shepherd and Bishop of souls.

The hearts of all, O Lord, are in Thy Hand. Make them, therefore, after the example of Thy Apostle, to maintain the Faith which once they sought to destroy, that in them Thy Name may be glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LXII. FOR OUR ENEMIES.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art meek and lowly of heart, and hast taught us to love our enemies and calumniators, and to pray for those who despitefully use and persecute us, Who even on the Cross didst pray for Thine enemies, impart to us, I pray, the spirit of Christian meekness and gentleness, that we may from our hearts forgive to all their trespasses, and may overcome men's ill will and injustice, with patience and

brotherly love. Grant to our enemies peace and charity, that they may receive from Thee the pardon of their sins, and may not depart out of this life without true faith and penitence. Enable us to overcome evil with good, and mercifully preserve us without injury from the snares, attacks, and dangers of our enemies, not only visible but also invisible; for Thine own merits' sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

LXIII. IN SEVERE TEMPTATIONS OR TROUBLE OF MIND.

O God, wherefore art Thou absent from me so long? The enemy crieth so, and the ungodly cometh on so fast, and in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing. But Thou, O Lord, help and sustain me; the depth of my wretchedness crieth unto the depth of Thy mercy. Thou hast worn our mortal flesh, Thou knowest all our infirmities. O abandon me not, but remember that never was it known that any who cried to Thee for succour were forsaken. Our fathers have told us what Thou hast done in their time of old, and Thou art evermore the same, shew forth Thy power in me. I seek Thine aid, and Thou hast said, Seek and ye shall find. O my Lord and my God, by the fervent love which brought Thee down to die,—by the mighty power Thou hast in heaven and earth,—drive away my foes. Arise, O Lord, and let Thine enemies be scattered, let them, O Lord, that hate Thee flee before Thee. Thou art my succour, haste Thee to help me. So shall I praise Thy holy name for ever. Amen.

LXIV. AN ACT OF LOVE.

To Thee, O God, my heart aspires,—to Thee, O Lord and Saviour, Who alone art worthy of adoring Love. I love Thee, not with the slavish fear of those who dread Thy wrath, nor with the selfish hope of gaining eternal joy, but for Thyself, O Lord. For me

Thou layedst an infant in the manger ; for me Thou didst weep, a suppliant in the garden ; for me Thou didst hang upon the bitter Cross, while derision was added to each cruel pang ; for me Thy sacred Head, upon which angels gaze in adoring awe, was wreathed with cruel thorns ; for me the heart of Thy Blessed Mother was pierced as with a sword ; for me the saving tide of Blood and Water gushed forth that Baptism might cleanse me and Blood refresh me ; for me Thou didst suffer the desolation of bereavement as one forsaken of the Father ; for me Thou didst breathe forth Thy spirit into the hands of Thy Father. Yes, for me and such as me, Thou didst mourn, suffer, and pray, till torture was ended by death. O my God, can Thy suffering love fail to win my heart ? To Thee I would in return devote myself. Thy love shall inspire my life, Thy love soothe me in death, until I lose myself in its boundless ocean in eternity. Amen.





SECTION IV.

➤* The Holy Communion. *➤





Preparation for Celebration.



To be said according to the opportunity of the Priest.



ANTIPHON.—Remember not.

This Antiphon shall be doubled on Festivals.

PSALM LXXXIV. *Quam dilecta.*

1 O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings: Thou Lord of Hosts!

2 My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even Thy Altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are they that

dwell in Thy house: they will be alway praising Thee.

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in Thee: in whose heart are Thy ways.

6 Who going through the vale of misery use it for a well: and the pools are filled with water.

7 They will go from strength to strength: and unto the God of gods appeareth every one of them in Sion.

8 O Lord God of Hosts,
hear my prayer: hearken,
O God of Jacob.

9 Behold O God our de-
fender: and look upon
the face of Thine Anointed.

10 For one day in Thy
courts: is better than a
thousand.

11 I had rather be a door-
keeper in the House of my
God: than to dwell in the
tents of ungodliness.

12 For the Lord God is a
light and defence: the
Lord will give grace and
worship, and no good
thing shall He withhold
from them that live a
godly life.

13 O Lord God of Hosts:
blessed is the man that
putteth his trust in Thee.

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

PSALM LXXXV. *Benedixisti, Domine.*

1 LORD, Thou art be-
come gracious unto Thy
land: Thou hast turned
away the captivity of
Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven
the offence of Thy people:
and covered all their sins.

3 Thou hast taken
away all Thy displeasure:
and turned Thyself from
Thy wrathful indignation.

4 Turn us then, O God
our Saviour: and let Thine
anger cease from us.

5 Wilt Thou be dis-
pleased at us for ever: and
wilt Thou stretch out Thy
wrath from one generation
to another?

6 Wilt Thou not turn
again, and quicken us:

that Thy people may re-
joice in Thee?

7 Show us Thy mercy,
O Lord: and grant us Thy
salvation.

8 I will hearken what
the Lord God will say
concerning me: for He
shall speak peace unto
His people, and to His
Saints, that they turn not
again.

9 For His salvation is
nigh them that fear Him:
that glory may dwell in
our land.

10 Mercy and truth are
met together: righteous-
ness and peace have kissed
each other.

11 Truth shall flourish
out of the earth: and righ-

teousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the Lord shall show loving-kindness: and our land shall give her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before Him: and He shall direct His going in the way.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM LXXXVI. *Inclina Domine.*

1 Bow down Thine ear, O Lord, and hear me: for I am poor and in misery.

2 Preserve Thou my soul, for I am holy: my God save Thy servant that putteth his trust in Thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O Lord: for I will call daily upon Thee.

4 Comfort the soul of Thy servant: for unto Thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

5 For Thou, Lord, art good and gracious: and of great mercy unto all them that call upon Thee.

6 Give ear, Lord, unto my prayer: and ponder the voice of my humble desires.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon Thee: for Thou hearest me.

8 Among the gods there

is none like unto Thee, O Lord: there is not one that can do as Thou doest.

9 All nations whom Thou hast made shall come and worship Thee, O Lord: and shall glorify Thy Name.

10 For Thou art great, and doest wondrous things: Thou art God alone.

11 Teach me Thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in Thy truth: O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear Thy Name.

12 I will thank Thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart: and will praise Thy Name for evermore.

13 For great is Thy mercy toward me: and Thou hast delivered my soul from the nethermost hell.

14 O God, the proud are risen against me: and

the congregations of naughty men have sought after my soul, and have not set Thee before their eyes.

15 But Thou, O Lord God, art full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

16 O turn Thee then unto me, and have mercy upon me: give Thy strength

unto Thy servant, and help the son of Thine handmaid.

17 Show some token upon me for good, that they who hate me may see it and be ashamed: because Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXVI. 10. *Credidi.*

10 I BELIEVED, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11 What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that He hath done unto me?

12 I will receive the Cup of Salvation: and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13 I will pay my vows now in the presence of all His people: right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of His Saints.

14 Behold, O Lord, how

that I am Thy servant: I am Thy servant, and the son of Thine handmaid; Thou hast broken my bonds asunder.

15 I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16 I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all His people: in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

PSALM CXXX. *De profundis.*

1 Out of the deep have I called unto Thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.

2 O let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.

3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?

4 For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.

5 I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for

Him: in His word is my trust.

6 My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

7 O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with Him is plenteous redemption.

8 And He shall redeem Israel: from all his sins.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

ANTIPHON.—Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers, neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

- V. I said, Lord, have mercy upon me.
- R. Heal my soul, for I have sinned against Thee.
- V. Turn Thee again, O Lord, at the last.
- R. And be gracious unto Thy servants.
- V. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be showed upon us.
- R. As we do put our trust in Thee.
- V. Let Thy Priests be clothed with righteousness.
- R. And Thy Saints sing with joyfulness.

- V. Cleanse Thou me from my secret faults.
 R. And keep Thy servant from presumptuous sins.
 V. O Lord, hear my prayer.
 R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
 V. The Lord be with you.
 R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

LET Thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto our prayers, and enlighten Thou our hearts with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may worthily approach Thy Holy Mysteries, and love Thee with an everlasting love, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from Whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MAY the fire of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, cleanse our hearts and reins, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and pure heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

LET the Comforter Which proceedeth from Thee, O Lord, enlighten our minds, we beseech Thee, and lead us, as Thy Son hath promised, into all truth; through the same Thy Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, let the virtue of Thy Holy Spirit be present with us through Thy mercy, to cleanse our hearts, and protect us against all adversities; through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

GOD, Who didst teach the hearts of Thy faithful people, by the sending to them the light of Thy Holy Spirit; grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in His holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the Unity of the same Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

O LORD, we beseech Thee, visit and cleanse our consciences, that Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ may, when He cometh, find in us a dwelling-place prepared for Him, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the Unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen.*

Then may be added any of the prayers following, according to opportunity.





Prayers

*To be said according to the opportunity of the Priest, before
Celebration and Communion.*



*These first seven prayers, which follow, are ascribed to
S. Ambrose.*

I.

O SUPREME High Priest and true chief Bishop, Jesus Christ, Who didst offer Thyself to God the Father, a pure and spotless Victim, upon the Altar of the Cross for us miserable sinners, and didst give us Thy Flesh to eat and Thy Blood to drink, ordaining that great Mystery in the power of the Holy Ghost, saying: "As often as ye shall do this, do it in remembrance of Me;" I entreat Thee by that same Blood of Thine, the great price of our salvation: I entreat Thee by that wonderful and unspeakable love, wherewith Thou hast vouchsafed so to love us miserable and unworthy, as to wash us from our sins in Thy Blood. Teach me, Thy unworthy servant, whom among Thy other gifts, not for any merits of mine, but of the condescension of Thy mercy only, Thou hast vouchsafed to call to the office of the Priesthood: teach me, I pray Thee, by Thy Holy Spirit, to handle so great a Mystery with such reverence and honour, such devotion and fear, as are due and fitting. Make me, through Thy grace, always so to believe and understand, to feel

and firmly to hold, to speak and think, concerning so great a Mystery, what is pleasing to Thee, and for the good of my own soul. Let Thy good Spirit enter into my heart, there noiselessly to sound, and without utterance of words to speak all truth. For indeed exceeding deep are these Mysteries, and concealed beneath a holy veil. Grant me for Thy great mercy's sake, to celebrate them with a clean heart and a pure mind. Free my heart from all defiling and unholy, from all vain and hurtful thoughts. Defend me with the kind and faithful guardianship, and mighty protection of Thy blessed Angels, that the enemies of all good may go away in confusion. By the virtue of this great Mystery, and by the hand of Thy holy Angel, drive far away from me, and from all Thy servants, the obstinate spirit of pride and vain-glory, of envy and blasphemy, of fornication and uncleanness, of doubt and mistrust. Let them be confounded that persecute me: let them perish and be put to confusion that seek to do me evil.

II.

King of Virgins, and lover of chastity and innocence, extinguish in my body, by the dew of Thy grace the fire of evil desire, that purity of mind and body may abide with me. Mortify in my members every hurtful desire, and grant me true and perpetual chastity with those other graces acceptable unto Thee, that I may join in offering this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving with a chaste body and a pure heart.

For with what contrition of heart and tears of repentance, with what reverence and fear, with what chastity of body and purity of soul, must this divine and heavenly Sacrifice be celebrated, where Thy Flesh is indeed taken, Thy Blood indeed drunk, where the lowest and the highest, where earthly and divine

things are joined, where is the presence of Thine holy Angels, and Thou, O Lord, art in a wonderful and unspeakable Mystery, both Priest and Sacrifice!

III.

Who can worthily approach this Sacrament, unless Thou, Almighty God, makest him worthy? I know, O Lord, and confess to Thy loving mercy, that I am not worthy to draw near through my great sins and numberless negligences.

But also I know, and truly from my heart believe, and with my mouth confess, that Thou alone canst make me worthy, Who makest that which is clean from that which is unclean, and sinners to be righteous and holy.

Through this Thine Omnipotence, I beseech Thee, my God, to grant unto me a sinner to approach this Sacrament with fear and trembling, with inward purity and tears of penitence, with spiritual peace and heavenly joy; may my mind feel the sweetness of Thy presence, and the guardianship of Thy Holy Angels round about me.

IV.

O Lord, mindful of Thy adorable Passion, I draw nigh to Thine altar to offer unto Thee that sacrifice Which Thou hast commanded to be offered, in remembrance of Thyself, for our well-being. Receive it, we beseech Thee, O God, most High, for Thy holy Church, and for the people whom Thou hast purchased with Thy Blood. And since Thou hast willed me a sinner to minister to Thee for Thy people, although Thou seest in me no good thing, accept at least the discharge of my bounden duty and service: let not the price of their salvation be wasted through my unworthiness: for whom Thou didst will to become

a Saving Victim. Therefore we bring before Thee the tribulations of the people, the groans of prisoners and captives, the miseries of orphans, the necessities of the poor, the helplessness of the weak, the depressions of the sick, the infirmities of the aged, the temptations of the young, the distress of widows.

V.

For Thou, O Lord, hast mercy upon all, and hatest nothing that Thou hast made. Remember whereof we are formed, that Thou art our Father and our God. Be not angry for ever, neither restrain the multitude of Thy mercies towards us : for we do not bring our prayers before Thee in self-justification, but we trust in Thy manifold and great mercies. Take from us all our iniquities, and mercifully kindle in us the fire of Thy Holy Spirit, take the heart of stone from our flesh, and give us a heart of flesh which may love Thee, delight in Thee, follow Thee, and finally enjoy Thee.

We pray Thee, O Lord, of Thy clemency, that with serene countenance, Thou wilt behold these Thy people, assembled in Thy holy Name, and that the prayers of none be in vain, the desire of none unfulfilled, teach us those prayers which Thou Thyself delightest to hear, and to fulfil.

VI.

We pray Thee, also, O Lord, Holy Father, for the souls of the faithful departed, that this great Sacrament of Thy love may be to them salvation, health, joy, and refreshment. O Lord our God, grant them this day a great and abundant feast of Thee, the Living Bread, Who camest down from heaven, and givest light to the world ; even of Thy holy and blessed Flesh, the Lamb without spot, That takest

away the sins of the world ; of Thy flesh which was taken from the holy womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and conceived by the Holy Ghost : and of that fountain of mercy, which by the soldier's lance flowed from Thy most sacred side : that therewith they may be restored and satisfied, refreshed and comforted, and rejoice in Thy praise and glory. I beseech Thy mercy, O Lord, that on the Bread to be offered to Thee may come down the fulness of Thy blessing, and the hallowing of Thy Godhead. Let there likewise descend, O Lord, that invisible and incomprehensible majesty of Thy Holy Spirit, as of old It came down upon the sacrifices of the Fathers, Which may make our oblations Thy Body and Blood : and teach me, Thy unworthy Priest, to treat so great a Mystery with purity of heart, devotion, and tears, with reverence and awe, so that Thou mayest receive with grace and favour, this Sacrifice at my hands, for the salvation of all, both the quick and the dead.

VII.

I pray Thee, O Lord Jesus, by the Mystery of Thy Body and Blood, wherewith we are nourished in Thy Church, washed and sanctified, and made partakers in the Divine nature, grant unto me those gifts and graces, wherewith I may worthily approach Thine Altar, that this Blessed Sacrament may be unto me salvation and life.

• For Thou hast said with Thine holy and blessed lips, "The Bread which I will give is My Flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." "I am the Living Bread which came down from heaven, if any man eat of this Bread he shall live for ever."

O most sweet Bread, heal the palate of my heart, that I may feel the sweetness of Thy love ; remove from me all languor that I may desire no other sweetness than Thine.

O Most Holy Bread, having all delight and all sweetness, which ever refreshest, and never failest, may my heart feed upon Thee, and my inmost soul be filled with Thy sweetness.

The Angels feed on Thee fully, let man in his exile feed on Thee, after his measure, that he faint not on the way, refreshed with such heavenly Food for his journey.

O Holy Bread, O Living Bread, which camest down from heaven and hast given life unto the world ; come unto my heart, cleanse me from all defilement of body and spirit. Enter into my soul, cleanse me from within and without, be Thou the continual succour and abiding salvation of soul and body.

Drive far from me all the snares of the enemy, may they flee from the presence of Thy power, that, fenced by Thy protection, I may arrive by the narrow way at Thine heavenly kingdom, where I shall no longer behold Thee, as now, veiled in Mysteries, but face to face, when Thou shalt have delivered up the kingdom to God the Father, that God may be all in all. Then shalt Thou marvellously satisfy me with Thyself, so I shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more, but Thou shalt be my portion for ever, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever.

ANOTHER PRAYER BEFORE COMMUNION.

O Gracious Lord Jesu Christ, I, Thy sinful servant, trusting in Thy mercy and goodness, would approach, with fear and trembling, to the Table of Thy most holy Feast. My heart and body are defiled with many sins ; my mind and tongue have not been carefully guarded. So then, O gracious God, O terrible Majesty, I, being in a great strait, turn to Thee, the Fountain of mercy. To Thee I hasten to be healed ; to Thy protection I flee ; and I long to have Thee as my Saviour, before Whom I cannot stand as my Judge. To Thee,

O Lord, I shew my wounds: to Thee lay bare my shame. I know my sins are many and great, for which I fear: but I would hope in Thy mercies, which are countless. Look down, then, on me with the eyes of Thy mercy, O Lord Jesu Christ, Eternal King, God and Man, crucified for man; hear me who hope in Thee, have pity on me who am full of miseries and sins, Thou Who wilt never cease to pour forth the streams of mercy. Blessed be Thou, life-giving Victim, Who for me and the whole human race wast offered on the Cross of suffering. Remember, Lord, Thy creature, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thine Own Blood. I repent that I have sinned; I desire to amend what I have done wrong. Take from me, then, most merciful Saviour, all my iniquities and sins, that, purified in mind and body, I may be made worthy to enter the Holy of Holies; and grant that this sacred foretaste of Thy Body and Blood, which I, unworthy, purpose to take, may be for the remission of my sins, the cleansing of my faults, the driving away of impure thoughts, the renewal of all good desires, the performance of works well pleasing to Thee, and the sure protection of soul and body against the wiles of my enemies.

A PRAYER OF S. THOMAS AQUINAS.

Almighty Everlasting God, lo! we draw near to the Sacrament of Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; we approach sick to the Physician of life, unclean to the Fountain of mercy, blind to the Light of eternal brightness, poor and needy to the Lord of all things: we pray Thee, therefore, of the abundance of Thy loving kindness, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to heal our sickness, to wash our defilements, to enlighten our blindness, to enrich our poverty, to clothe our nakedness, that we may receive the Bread of Angels, the King of kings, the Lord of lords, with

such reverence and humility, such contrition and devotion, such purity and faith, such purpose and intention, as is expedient for the health of our souls. Grant, we beseech Thee, that we may receive not only the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of the Lord, but the benefits also which appertain to them that receive worthily. O most gracious God, grant us so to receive the Body of Thy Only-Begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, which He took of the Virgin Mary, that having been incorporated with His mystical Body, we may ever remain among His members. O most loving Father, grant unto us, that as we desire here to receive Him veiled from sight, so we may hereafter behold Him face to face, where with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, He liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.





Additional Prayers.

*Suitable either before Celebrating or Communicating.**



I.

O FATHER Eternal, of Whom, by Whom, and in Whom are all things, Whose Blessed Son, not seeking His Own glory, hath given Himself for us an Offering and a Sacrifice to Thee for a sweet-smelling savour, I also, doing as He did, would offer unto Thee the Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and pay my vows to Thee, the Most High. Thou art the Lord most high over all the earth; Thou hast the power of life and death; in Thee I live, and move, and have my being; and to Thee I give my heart for an everlasting and reasonable service. I am Thy servant; I choose Thee this day in this Sacrifice for my King and my God, Who alone doest great wonders. Into Thy Hands I commend my spirit; do always that which is good in Thine Eyes.

II.

O God, merciful and long-suffering, Thou hast so loved the world as to give Thy only-begotten Son: yea, Thou hast even given Thy Son, Who thought it not robbery to be equal with God, yet taking upon

* The preceding prayers have all ancient authority; the following are translations and selections from divers sources.

Himself the form of a servant, emptied Himself, and became for me obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, and the day before He suffered gave for me His Body and Blood, that I might be an heir of Thee, and co-heir with Himself. Mighty God! Father of Mercies! Blessed art Thou in Thy gifts!

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy Name. But, O Father Eternal, what shall I render unto Thee for all Thy benefits towards me? Lo! I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon Thy Name. Thou hast given for me Thy only-begotten Son, and with Him Thou hast given me all things: I also, in thanksgiving for all Thy mercies of creation, redemption, calling, preservation, and providence, will offer to Thee the same Thy beloved Son, in Whom Thou art well pleased, and with Him my own heart, which I entreat Thee graciously to accept for His sake.

III.

O Father of mercies, against Thee only have I sinned! Woe is me, my iniquities have gone over my head; but I have an Advocate with Thee, Jesus Christ the Righteous, Who is the Propitiation for my sins, and hath reconciled me to Thee in His Own Body on the Tree; and in Thine Anger remember Thy Compassion, and be merciful to me a sinner. Wherefore, O Lord, I bring before Thee His plenteous Redemption, in this Eucharist, wherein the same Christ is offered after an unbloody manner, Who offered Himself once for all with Blood on the Altar of the Cross.

IV.

O most loving Father, Whose will it is that I should be holy, be mindful, I entreat Thee, of the words of Thy Son, "If ye ask anything of the Father in My Name, He will give it you." Lo, I bring before Thee His holy Name, Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the Cross,—the Name of Jesus, in which

alone I can find salvation. He is Thy beloved Son ; therefore, for the glory of His Name, give me a contrite and humbled heart ; give me the charity which covereth a multitude of sins : grant that I may be a pastor after Thine Own Heart, a faithful steward of Thy Mysteries ; that I may be meek and lowly, and may do always such things as are pleasing to Thee, and so with fear and trembling work out my own salvation, that I may dwell in Thy House for ever.

V.

O most mighty God, and merciful Father, Who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost put away the sins of those who truly repent ; open, O Lord, I beseech Thee, the eyes of Thy mercy upon me, Thy most unworthy servant, who earnestly implore Thy pardon of all my offences. Thy blessings and benefits I have abused, Thy judgments and punishments not feared, the means of my salvation too often neglected ; and thus most grievously have provoked Thy wrath and indignation. Shouldst Thou, therefore, O Lord, be extreme to mark what is done amiss, and take vengeance for my sins, I were as dust before the wind, and might be swept away for ever. But, O Lord, with Thee there is mercy, that Thou mightest be feared. Thou art a loving and gracious Father, ready and willing to hear all sinners that are truly sorrowful for their sins. In the Name, therefore, of Jesus Christ, my Blessed Redeemer, I humbly bow down before Thy mercy-seat, accompanied with no other hope, than that, for His sake alone, Thou wilt have compassion upon me, and not let my sins be a cloud between Thee and my distress.

And now, O Lord, I am about to receive the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ ; yet, how shall I, who am so great a sinner, presume to approach Thy Table ? The Heavens are not clean in Thy sight, and the pillars of the earth

shake at Thy Presence! Yet, Lord, Thou hast in Thy Gospel left us a command, "Come unto Me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden." This command would I obey, in confident assurance that, according to Thy promise in Christ Jesus, Thou wilt have mercy upon me. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, cleanse me from my sin, and renew a right spirit within me: and of Thy goodness so direct me in this service, that all the faculties of my soul and body may be intent rightly to apprehend, and humbly to receive this eternal Food, the Bread of Life, the Heavenly and wonderful Mystery; and that, by Thy grace, I may obtain the full virtue and benefits of the Death and Passion of my Saviour, the remission of my sins, and everlasting life, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

VI.

Glory be to Thee, O gracious Jesu, Who, to impress Thy Love deeply on our souls, hast instituted this Blessed Sacrament, and commanded us, "Do this in remembrance of Me." Let the propitiatory Sacrifice of Thy Death, which Thou didst offer upon the Cross for the sins of the whole world, and particularly for my sins, be ever in my mind: but especially in this Holy Sacrament, let my remembrance of Thee be most lively and affecting.

I know, O my Lord and my God, that a bare remembrance of Thee is not enough: do Thou, therefore, fix in me such a remembrance as is suitable to the Infinite Love I am to remember; work in me all those holy and heavenly affections which become the remembrance of a crucified Saviour.

O merciful Jesu, let that immortal Food, which in the Holy Eucharist Thou vouchsafest me, instil into my weak and languishing soul new supplies of grace, new life, love, vigour, and resolution, that I may never more relax in what Thou requirest of me.

O my God, Thou Who alone changest the heart, be pleased to change mine : change my aversion from Thee into an entire love of Thee. Give me a filial repentance, that with a broken and contrite heart, I may grieve for all my past sins, may for ever forsake them, and live in steadfast obedience to Thy commandments. Let the love of Thee so possess my soul that I may henceforth lead a new life, guided by a lively faith in Thy mercy through Christ, a steady belief in Thy love to sinners, and an earnest reliance on the Merits and Mediation of Thy crucified Son, for Whom I would live and adore Thee for ever. (BP. KEN.)

VII.

O God, Who by Thy Son Jesus Christ, didst at that Last Supper confer the Priesthood on all Thy holy Apostles, and give them power to consecrate the Holy Mysteries, when by the washing of their feet He had admonished them of the necessity of inward cleanness, and so admitted them to eat of the true Paschal Lamb, the Body and Blood of their Lord ; grant that I may hold in due honour and reverence the grace and office of the Priesthood, conferred upon me by the laying on of the hands of the Bishop, their successor, and so perform the work of a faithful priest, that I may be found not to have despised the healing gifts of salvation, or to have received the grace of God in vain.

VIII.

O most high and adorable Trinity, I desire to offer to Thee this Sacrifice in remembrance of the All-holy Humanity, Incarnation, Nativity, Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Jesus Christ the Righteous. For His sake, therefore, look graciously upon the Church, His Spouse, that she may be presented to Thee, beautiful, without spot or wrinkle. Break the power of her persecutors and enemies.

Root out heresies and schisms. Pour out the light of Thy Truth upon all aliens and apostates from the Faith, and bring them into the true fold. Provide faithful Bishops and Pastors, workmen diligent and unreprouable, who may watch anxiously for the flocks committed to them. Pour out upon Thy people the graces of humility, obedience, and godly concord. Give to the righteous, perseverance; to the advancing, earnestness; but chiefly to sinners, repentance: for Thou hast no pleasure in the death of him that dieth; but, that the dead might live Thou wouldest that Thine own Son should die. Do Thou then draw sinners unto Thee with the cords of Thy Love, for indeed they cannot come unto Thee, unless Thy Love draw them. Hear, O gracious God, especially the prayers and desires of those whose care most lieth upon me, as my dear relations friends benefactors and especially those whose souls are committed unto me, and of whom Thou wilt one day require an account from me. Direct them all, I beseech Thee, in the way of eternal salvation, that by Thy help they may desire whatever is pleasing to Thee, and perform it with all their strength. Look upon all who are tempted, sick, or placed in difficulty and danger. Be Thou the Comforter of the afflicted, the Father of the fatherless, the gracious Judge of the widow, and the Defender of all faithful Christians: for the eyes of all are towards Thee, until Thou have mercy upon them. Spare our enemies, also, O Lord: grant that they may love Thee above all things, and their neighbours for Thee. Look, also, upon all the souls of the faithful departed. Grant them to rest in peace, and that they may find mercy of the Lord in that day.

IX.

O Lord, forasmuch as Thou hast willed that I should undertake the office of the Priesthood, for all these do I act as ambassador with Thee. Oh! let the

lifting up of my hands, even this Unbloody Sacrifice, be set forth in Thy sight as the incense. But, O Lord, seeing that I am myself compassed with infirmity, how shall I praise Thee, since praise is not seemly in the mouth of a sinner? or how shall I come as an intercessor for the sins of others, who am in such hazard of my own? Behold, therefore, our only Mediator and Advocate, Who can both worthily praise Thee, and make intercession for us, even Thy Son: for He is both Priest and Victim, the Offerer and the Oblation. For His sake, therefore, grant also unto me, that I may diligently adorn this state to which Thou hast vouchsafed to call me, with all the virtues needful to it, as charity, zeal, chastity, gentleness, humility, and the like. Make me such a minister to Thee as Thou wouldest have me to be. Help me, O Lord, and command what Thou wilt, and all through the merits of Jesus Christ, our great High Priest and true Chief Victim.

X.*

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, Who didst regenerate me in Baptism, Who hast inspired my prayers, Who hast given me Thy sevenfold gifts in Confirmation, Who hast in addition to Thine other gifts, called me to the holy office of the Priesthood; visit and cleanse my conscience, that my Lord Jesus Christ may, when He cometh, find in me a mansion prepared for Himself.

Without Thee I can do nothing; every virtue I possess, every victory I have won, every gift of Holiness is from Thee. Thou must convince of sin, and

* The following devotions were added in the second edition from the "Bread of Life," which is a manual for Holy Communion for the laity, by the surviving compiler of this volume, to be obtained at the same publishers.

Thou must speak the message of forgiveness which the Precious Blood has purchased, that, cleansed in that healing Flood, we may enjoy peace in Thee.

I pray Thee, therefore, to inspire my prayers that I may ask aright, that I may obtain those gifts and graces I need, in order that I may worthily celebrate Thy holy Mysteries, and be a worthy partaker of this most sacred Feast.

I pray Thee to send Thy light into my soul that I may discover those sins I have been guilty of in thought, word, and deed, that, confessing and forsaking them, I may obtain mercy.

I pray Thee to pour into my heart that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of virtues, so that I may love God with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength, and may love my neighbour as myself.

I pray Thee to take of the things of Jesus and show them unto me, that having in remembrance His precious Death and Passion, His glorious Resurrection and His Session at the right hand of God, where He ever liveth to make intercession for us, I may have that lively Faith in His mercy, and that thankful remembrance of His Death wherewith I may approach this Sacrament of His Love, and touching Him like the poor woman in the Gospel, may hear His most sweet voice, "Go in peace; thy Faith hath made thee whole."

Finally, I pray Thee to grant unto me the grace of perseverance, that, having known the way of truth, I may never leave it, that to live may be to live in Christ, and to die eternal gain.

XI.

O Christ Jesu, I am indeed dust and ashes in Thy sight, but Thou art the refuge of sinners, and Thy mercies are without limit and bound.

Thou hast the words of eternal life. To whom else shall I go but Thee, Who callest the weary and heavy laden, that Thou mayest refresh them.

I am sick and infirm, but they that are whole need not a physician. If the very shadow of Peter passing by healed the sick, ought I not to trust in Thee, that entering under my roof, and dwelling in me Thou wilt heal me from my infirmity?

Therefore, knowing that in me, that is, my flesh, dwelleth no good thing, I arise to approach Thee, my Physician and my Refuge, hoping that this Communion may be for the increase of my Faith, Hope, and Charity, a firm protection against my foes, the extermination of evil desires, the increase of Faith, Humility, Purity, and all virtues, and the pledge of future glory.

XII.

O most Sweet Saviour, Christ Jesu, how great was the strength of that love which drew Thee from the bosom of the Father unto this sinful earth, to take human flesh, to undergo misery, innumerable injuries, nay, the Death of the Cross, for us miserable sinners, and for our salvation.

We were the criminals, and Thou didst undergo the shame and the punishment.

And that love, which thus drew Thee down upon earth, led Thee when about to return to the Father, Thy labour of love accomplished, to leave us in this Blessed Sacrament the pledge of Thy love, whereby in a mysterious manner Thou, Whose delights are with the sons of men, ever abidest with those whom Thou hast chosen.

O mighty work of love, whosoever abideth in love abideth in Thee. I desire to receive Thee in this Holy Mystery, to be united to Thee, that I may say with Thine Apostle, "Who shall separate me from the love of Christ?"

Accomplish and perfect this my desire, O most Blessed Lord and Saviour.

XIII.

O Thou, upon Whom the eyes of all wait for food, Who openest Thine Hand and fillest all things living with plenteousness, and Who knowest that our souls, like our bodies, need food that they may live, behold I approach unto Thee that I may be fed with the Bread of Life. For in Thy Church, is the true Manna to sustain us Thy children passing through the wilderness of this world to Thee; here the Bread of Grace and of the Word is plenteously broken,—that living Bread Which descended from heaven, Which was born in Bethlehem, the House of Bread. O precious Food, O loving mercy of the eternal Father, to me neither sowing nor reaping the Bread of Heaven, the Corn of the Elect, is given. For Thou hast sown it in Bethlehem, Thou hast reaped it with the sickle of Death on Calvary, and hast laid it up in the garner of Thy Church to be the food of Thy children for ever.

Grant to me, therefore, O most loving Father, that I may worthily partake of this Food, that I may be so sustained by this Hidden Manna, that I may go in the strength of that Meat unto the mount of God, where I shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more.

Grant unto me, who am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table, so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son, and to drink His Blood, that my sinful body may be made clean by His Body, my soul washed through His most precious Blood, that I may evermore dwell in Him and He in me.

XIV.

I believe, O Lord Jesus Christ, that Thou, being equal and co-eternal with the Father, didst empty Thyself of Thy glory, and come into this sinful world, for us men and for our salvation.

I believe that Thou didst take upon Thee our flesh in the womb of the ever Blessed Virgin; that Thou didst bear our infirmities and heal our sicknesses; didst give sight to the blind and speech to the dumb, didst cast out devils and raise the dead.

I believe that Thou didst suffer hunger and thirst, toil and pain; that Thou wast tempted in all points as we are, yet without sin, and being found in fashion as a man didst humble Thyself to death, even the death of the Cross for us miserable sinners in darkness and in the shadow of death, that Thou mightest make us the sons of God and exalt us to everlasting life.

I believe that having loved Thine own in this world Thou dost love us to the end; that, being about to leave the world and go to the Father, Thou didst institute and ordain these Holy Mysteries, as pledges of Thy Love, whereby Thou mightest ever abide with us after a heavenly and incomprehensible manner, whereby Thou mightest become one with us and make us one with Thee.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who art a Priest for ever, and Who hast said, "My flesh is meat indeed, My Blood is drink indeed," I believe that Thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God, Who camest into the world, and art present in this Sacrament. Lord, increase my faith. I believe that there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive Thee worthily, a greater misery than to receive Thee unworthily; that without faith I shall but increase my condemnation. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

And this Faith is Thy gift, O dearest Lord; what canst Thou deny me Who hast given Thyself for me? Lord, increase my Faith.

XV.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, how shall I dare to approach Thee? Thou art my Redeemer, my Lord, and my God, the King of heaven and earth,

and I am but dust and ashes, nay worse, a disobedient and ungrateful sinner.

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but remember, O Lord, that being God, Thou tookest upon Thee the form of a servant, and didst dwell with publicans and sinners, and humble Thyself even to death. Let that humility move Thee not to despise me a miserable sinner, but to come unto me and make Thine abode with me.

Yet how shall I dare receive Thee? The sweetness of Thy words invites me, but the multitude of my sins makes me afraid.

How shall I receive Thee into my soul who have so often offended Thee, Whom Angels and Archangels fear, Whom glorified Saints revere.

I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, have mercy upon me; I resign myself wholly to Thy mercy; Thou knowest all my faults from the first hour I could see unto this hour; wash me from mine iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Trusting only in Thy great mercy, I approach Thee, sick to the Physician, hungry and thirsty to the fount of Life eternal, poor to the King of heaven and earth, a slave to the Lord of all things, a creature to the Creator, hoping that in this great Sacrament Thou wilt confer upon me spiritual grace, and restore in my soul that which I have lost, so that I may be Thine for evermore.

XVI.

O Almighty Father, trusting in the multitude of Thy mercies, I am about to approach Thine Altar from which, conscious of my sins and iniquities, I deserve to be banished, lest I should be guilty of the Body and Blood of my Lord.

Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. Remem-

ber not my offences, but Thy manifold loving kindness.

For if Thou wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss, who, Lord, may abide it? Who will dare approach Thy Table, who can bear the scrutiny of Thy justice, or stand in Thy sight, before Whom the Heavens are not pure.

I confess my iniquity, and am sorry for my sin, I beseech Thee forgive mine iniquity. Thou, Who hast given Thine only-begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him may not perish, have mercy upon me. My iniquities are like a sore burden, too heavy for me to bear, but He has borne them in His Body on the Tree.

I am that prodigal and disobedient son, who, having fled from Thee, have consumed all my substance in riotous living, and now suffer extreme want. To whom shall I come if not to Thee, for Thou art the Father of all mercies, the God of all comfort, Who ever receivest those who return to Thee, and cherishest them with paternal love.

I am not worthy to be called Thy son, but Thou wilt to be called my Father; be, therefore, propitious unto me, receive Thine exiled son, clothe my nakedness, refresh me, hungering, with the Bread of Life; as a father pitieth his son, so pity me, O most merciful Father, Who desirest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live.

XVII.

Trusting only in Thy mercy, O Lord Jesus, I draw near; sick that Thou mayest heal me, hungry that Thou mayest feed me, thirsty that Thou mayest give me drink, poor and needy that Thou mayest relieve me, desolate to my kind Comforter.

But whence is this to me that Thou shouldest come unto me and give Thyself to me? how shall I appear before Thee, how canst Thou come to me a sinner?

Thou knowest, O good Lord, that I have no good thing in me to deserve this mercy ; I confess my unworthiness, I acknowledge Thy goodness, I give Thee thanks for Thy mercy, I praise Thee for Thine exceeding Love.

Since, therefore, it is Thy Will, since Thou hast said " Come unto Me," I come, O Lord ; let not my sins move Thee to reject me ; be it unto me according to Thy Word ; for there is none other Name given under heaven amongst men whereby we must be saved, but Thine, O most blessed Lord and Saviour.

And whatsoever is wanting unto me, do Thou, O most merciful Jesus, vouchsafe to supply out of the riches of Thy merits, Thy pains and labours, Thy bitter Death, whereby Thou hast redeemed me, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen,





Seven Meditations on the Blessed Sacrament.*



BEFORE COMMUNION.

I.

"I looked, and lo, a Lamb stood on the Mount Sion."

CONSIDER, first, my soul, how S. John, in his hour of banishment, saw from the desert isle of Patmos, the glory of heaven, and in the centre of that glory, the object of angelic adoration,—the Lamb of God slain for ever.

Consider, my soul, that for thee, as for the beloved disciple, is this vision. In the seasons of earthly joy and pleasure thou seest it not, but when thou art free from worldly influences, then, in the banishment of impure or polluted joy, thou mayest see by faith this bleeding Lamb of God which taketh away thy sins.

For Him the patriarchs sighed, in hope of Him the prophets died, in every sacrifice which smoked upon the Jewish altar, this spotless Lamb was foreshewn, but they beheld as through a glass darkly, and they desired to see That Which thou seest, and saw not, and to hear That Which thou hearest, and heard not.

For in these Holy Mysteries the Lamb of God once slain is pleaded anew before the Father; His life-

* From the "Bread of Life."

giving Death is set forth before thine eyes, and His Blood pleads for pardon and peace for thee.

O soul of mine, consider, how shalt thou escape if thou neglect so great a salvation?

O Lamb of God, Which takest away the sins of the world, grant me Thy peace!

II.

And in the midst of the garden was there the tree of life.

CONSIDER, my soul, how, in the Garden of Eden, the earthly Paradise, stood the Tree of Life; those who fed upon its fruit could not die, but would be maintained in constant health and vigour, or translated to the more immediate presence of their God.

Consider how the Holy Eucharist is thereby represented. His Church is the garden in which thy Lord has placed thee, and in the midst of that garden is the Tree of Life,—this Blessed Sacrament whereby thy Lord becomes thy Food, whereby thy God dwelleth in thee, and thou art preserved to everlasting life.

For although this body, thine earthly tabernacle, must perish, yet thou hast a building not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and although dust returns to dust, and this frail flesh in which thou dwellest, must see corruption, yet, sanctified by the indwelling of thy Lord, it shall lose its stains in the grave, and, pure from all pollution, shall be raised after the likeness of His glorified Body.

Consider, O my soul, Adam and Eve were banished from the garden for their sins, and could not partake of the Tree of Life; beware lest thine unworthiness banish thee from this Heavenly Food, this Tree of Life, which He has now set in the garden of His Church.

Pray, then, for grace to approach aright, and He will hear Thy cry and give unto Thee Food, even the Bread of Life, in due season.

III.

“Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.”

CONSIDER, my soul, how the Israelites assembled on the night of their departure from Egypt, to eat the Paschal Lamb. Their loins were girded, their shoes were on their feet, their staves were in their hands: like strangers and pilgrims eating food in haste, that they might seek a better country, so they ate. For, on that awful night, the angel of death was abroad, and only those houses, whose door-posts were sprinkled with blood were spared, when the firstborn were smitten.

Consider, my soul, thou art preparing to keep the feast wherein Christ, the true Paschal Lamb, is thy Food, and, sprinkled with His most precious Blood, the angel of death cannot harm thee, for thy true life is hidden with Christ in God.

How art thou about to approach? Are thy loins girded to walk in the way to Eternal Life, the straight path, and the narrow way? Are thy feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace? Is He thy Strength of Whom it is written, “Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me!”

Thou art departing from the regions of darkness to those of eternal light; thou art a stranger and pilgrim, seeking the new Jerusalem across the waters of the Jordan, the Heavenly Canaan; examine thyself lest a promise being made thee of entering His rest, thou shouldest yet fall short of it.

IV.

“Thou feddest Thine own people with angels’ food, and didst give them Bread from Heaven.”

CONSIDER, my soul, how the children of Israel, sojourning in the wilderness, were nourished by

manna, that mysterious food of which it is written, "So man did eat angels' food, for He gave them meat enough."

They had escaped the tyranny of Pharaoh, they had passed the waters of the Red Sea wherein they were baptized unto Moses, they were now passing through the wilderness, and beyond them lay the promised land.

But they lusted after evil things, and loathed the heavenly food: they were idolaters, and were slain with the sword; they tempted Christ, and were destroyed of the destroyer; only two entered that land of rest.

Behold, my soul, a warning for thee; thou hast been baptized, not unto Moses, but unto Christ; thou art passing through the wilderness of this world, before thee is the promised land. And here in this wilderness He has spread a table for thee against them that trouble thee, wherein the heavenly manna—the food of angels—the Body and Blood of thy Incarnate Lord—are thine.

Oh! soul of mine, strive, lest where others have fallen thou too shouldst fall; lest thou shouldst lust after carnal delights, make idols of thine earthly pleasures, or tempt Him by thy sins to destroy thee, and so never see thy King in His beauty, or the Land that is very far off.

V.

"But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."

CONSIDER, my soul, the Body of thy crucified Redeemer hanging upon the Cross, pain and grief have done their worst, His Sacred Heart has broken beneath the weight of thy sins; the soldiers approach, one of them pierces that Side, and lo, Blood and Water flow from that Sacred Fountain.

When Adam lay in sleep, Eve was formed from his

side; when the Redeemer slept the sleep of death, the Church, His Bride, derived from His Sacred Side the principle of Her Life. For that Water prefigured the Water of Baptism whereby we are newborn in Him; that Blood the Chalice which is His Blood of the New Testament, shed for many for the remission of sins.

O my soul, consider the *price* of thy salvation; thou hast been born anew, through that Water, thou hast been nourished by that Blood; consider the cost, mark well the price.

Look at that wounded, mangled Body, the fount of thy salvation; look at that Forehead, pierced by the thorns; look at that Back, livid with stripes: look at those pierced Feet, those pierced Hands; see from the crown of the Head to the sole of the Feet there is no whole part. Every nerve has thrilled with agony for thee; for thee who hast crucified Him by thy sins.

Oh! soul of mine, when wilt thou learn sorrow for sin? where wilt thou hide thyself?

At the foot of His Cross; beneath His wounded Side.

VI.

"Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin purged."

CONSIDER, my soul, how Isaiah saw in a vision the glory of the Lord, how he heard the Seraphim singing their Sanctus, and saw the King, the Lord of Hosts. Consider how, moved by the sight of infinite holiness, he felt his own sinfulness, and cried, "Woe is me, for I am undone!"

Consider, how one of the Seraphim, taking a live coal in the tongs from off the altar, laid it upon his mouth, and said, "Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is taken away." This represents to thee the Blessed Sacrament of the Lord's Body and

Blood, for as the coal and fire are one, yet distinct, so are the outward and inward parts in the Blessed Sacrament.

The Seraph took it with the tongs, for he dared not touch it, seeing our Lord took not on Him the nature of angels, but it was laid upon the lips of the prophet, seeing that our human nature has been assumed by the Son of God.

My soul, thou art about to enter into the House of the Lord, and His glory will be around thee; the Seraphim will join, the Angels and Archangels will join with thee in the Sanctus; with adoring awe they will behold those Mysteries, which we are told they desire to look into; but for thee was the Victim slain, and thy lips will be sanctified by the Blood of the New Covenant; thy sinful body will be made clean by His Body, thy soul washed through His most precious Blood. "Lo, this hath touched thy lips, and thine iniquity is purged." "Thanks be to God for His unspeakable Gift."

VII.

"If I may but touch His garment, I shall be whole."

CONSIDER, my soul, how the multitude thronged about Jesus, when He went to heal the daughter of Jairus, some from curiosity to behold the Prophet of Nazareth, some hoping to behold a miracle, pressing Him on every side, without Faith, without Love, knowing not that they touched their God.

Consider, how one poor woman, possessing the priceless gift of Faith, said within herself, If I may but touch His garment I shall be whole. She touched, and her issue of blood was dried up.

Thou art about to draw near thy Lord, to press Him amidst the crowd. All alike receive that Sacred Body and Blood, but only they who touch with Faith *live*. Multitudes receive that Blessed Sacrament,

pressing about Him, yet not touching : hence they do not become one with Him, nor He one with them.

Consider, my soul, how art thou approaching ? As green wood does not kindle, so cold hearts receive not the fire of Divine Love. Hast thou Faith ? Hast thou Love ?

Consider, my soul, is the vessel of thine heart empty ? Or is it filled with the things of this world, the lusts of the flesh, the pride of life ? Empty thyself that He may fill thee.

How hast thou prepared thine house to receive thy King as thy guest ? Hast thou been cold, lukewarm, careless in prayer, slothful in self-examination ? If so, even now, at this eleventh hour, seek from Him Faith, seek from Him Love, seek from Him Contrition, and He will fulfil thy heart's desire, and grant thee all thy mind.





Orationes

DICENDÆ CUM SACERDOS INDUITUR
SACERDOTALIBUS PARAMENTIS.



Cum lavat manus, dicat :

Da, Domine, virtutem manibus meis ad abstergendam
omnem maculam : ut sine pollutione mentis et cor-
poris valeam Tibi servire.

Ad Amictum, dum ponitur super caput, dicat :

Impone, Domine, capiti meo galeam salutis, ad expug-
nandos diabolicos incursus.

Ad Albam, cum ea induitur :

Dealba me, Domine, et munda cor meum : ut in
sanguine Agni dealbatus, gaudiis perfruar sempiternis.

Ad Cingulum, dum se cingit :

Præcinge me, Domine, cingulo puritatis, et extingue
in lumbis meis humorem libidinis : ut maneat in me
virtus continentiae et castitatis.

Ad Manipulum, dum imponitur brachio sinistro :

Merear, Domine, portare manipulum fletus et doloris :
ut cum exultatione recipiam mercedem laboris. Amen.

Ad Stolam, dum imponitur collo :

Redde mihi, Domine, stolam immortalitatis, quam perdidisti in prævaricatione primi parentis: et quamvis indignus accedo ad Tuum sacrum Mysterium, merear tamen gaudium sempiternum.

Ad Casulam, cum assumitur :

Domine, Qui dixisti, Jugum Meum suave est, et onus Meum leve: fac, ut istud portare sic valeam, quod consequar Tuam gratiam. Amen.

According to Sarum use the Celebrant was directed to say the Veni Creator, and the following Psalm with its Antiphon, when vesting, as below.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial Fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold Gifts impart;

Thy blessed Unction from above
Is Comfort, Life, and Fire of Love.
Enable with perpetual Light
The dulness of our blinded sight:

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of Thy Grace;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home;
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee of Both, to be but One;
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song;

All praise to Thy eternal Merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ANTIPHON.—I will go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

PSALM XLIII.

Judica me Deus.

1 GIVE sentence with me, O God, and defend my cause against the ungodly people: O deliver me from the deceitful and wicked man.

2 For Thou art the God of my strength, why hast Thou put me from Thee: and why go I so heavily, while the enemy oppresseth me.

3 O send out Thy light and Thy truth that they may lead me: and bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

4 And that I may go

unto the altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness: and upon the harp will I give thanks unto Thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou so heavy, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

6 O put thy trust in God: for I will yet give Him thanks, which is the help of my countenance and my God.

Glory be to the Father,
&c.

I WILL go unto the Altar of God, even unto the God of my joy and gladness.

Then the Priest ascending to the Altar may say,

TAKE from us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, our iniquities, that we may be found worthy to approach the Holy of Holies with pure minds and undefiled hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





THE ORDER OF THE
Administration of the Lord's Supper,
OR,
HOLY COMMUNION.



Presbyter in Christi mensa quid agis bene pensa :
Aut tibi vita datur,
Aut mors æterna paratur.
Dum candela luit se destruit officiendo ;
Presbyter ita ruit, si sit reus, celebrando :
Mors tua ; mors Christi
Fraus mundi, gloria coeli, et dolor inferni
Sunt memoranda tibi.

OUR Father, Which art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy
kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our

Only short private devotions are inserted in the "Order of Administration,"—such as may be used by the Celebrant himself, if desired, and which are taken from old English use. Fuller and more copious devotions suitable when present un-officially, are provided further on. As this little book is for the *private* devotions of the priest it has been thought unnecessary to add the rubrics of the Office. Its size unfits it for an Altar book—and there are already excellent ones such as "The Priest to the Altar," "Notes on Ceremonial according to the use of Sarum," in common use.

daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation ; But deliver
us from evil. Amen.

ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all hearts
be open, all desires known, and from
Whom no secrets are hid ; Cleanse the
thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of
Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy
Name ; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Agnie.

GOD spake these words, and said ; I am
the Lord thy God : Thou shalt have
none other gods but Me.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and
incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not make to thyself
any graven image, nor the likeness of
anything that is in Heaven above, or in
the earth beneath, or in the water under
the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to
them, nor worship them : for I the Lord
thy God am a jealous God, and visit the
sins of the fathers upon the children, unto
the third and fourth generation of them
that hate Me, and shew mercy unto thou-
sands in them that love Me, and keep My
commandments.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain : for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Remember that thou keep holy the Sabbath-day. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all that thou hast to do ; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God. In it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, thy cattle, and the stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day : wherefore the Lord blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Honour thy father and thy mother ; that thy days may be long in the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt do no murder.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not steal.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his servant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is his.

People. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these Thy laws in our hearts, we beseech Thee.

The Collect for the Queen.

ALMIGHTY God, Whose kingdom is everlasting and power infinite; Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of Thy chosen Servant *VICTORIA*, our Queen and Governour, that she (knowing Whose minister she is) may above all things seek Thy honour and glory: and that we, and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in Thee, and for Thee, according to Thy blessed Word

and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever One God, world without end. *Amen.*

Or,

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, we are taught by Thy holy Word that the hearts of kings are in Thy rule and governance, and that Thou dost dispose and turn them as it seemeth best to Thy godly wisdom: We humbly beseech Thee so to dispose and govern the heart of *VICTORIA* Thy Servant, our Queen and Governour, that, in all her thoughts, words, and works, she may ever seek Thy honour and glory, and study to preserve Thy people committed to her charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness; Grant this, O merciful Father, for Thy dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect. Epistle. Gospel.

The Nicene Creed.

I BELIEVE in One God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in One Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten,

not made, Being of one substance with the Father; By Whom all things were made, Who for us men and for our salvation came down from Heaven, AND WAS INCARNATE BY THE HOLY GHOST OF THE VIRGIN MARY, AND WAS MADE MAN, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into Heaven, And sitteth on the Right Hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offertory.

LET your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father Which is in Heaven.

St. Matt. v.

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth; where the rust and moth doth

corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in Heaven; where neither rust nor moth doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. *St. Matt. vi.*

Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do unto them; for this is the Law and the Prophets. *St. Matt. vii.*

Not every one that saith unto Me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven; but he that doeth the will of My Father Which is in Heaven. *St. Matt. vii.*

Ec., Ec.

At the Offering of Alms.

RECEIVE, O Holy Trinity, these offerings of Thy servants, as Thou didst the gifts of righteous Abel, the sacrifice of our father Abraham, the incense of Zacharias, the widow's mite, and the alms of Cornelius, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord. Amen.

At the Oblations from the Liturgy of the Nonjurors.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who hast created us, and placed us in this ministry by the power of Thy Holy Spirit; May it please Thee, O Lord, as we are Ministers of the New Testament, and dispensers of Thy Holy Mysteries, to receive us who are approaching Thy Holy Altar, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, that we may be worthy to offer unto Thee this reasonable and unbloody Sacrifice for our sins, and the sins of the people. Receive it, O God, as a sweet-smelling savour, and send down the grace of Thy

Holy Spirit upon us. And as Thou didst accept this worship and service from Thy Holy Apostles ; so of Thy goodness, O Lord, receive these offerings from the hands of us sinners, that, being made worthy to minister at Thy Holy Altar without blame, we may have the reward of good and faithful servants at that great and terrible Day of account and just retribution; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

Or this, from Bishop Andrews.

**Look down, O Lord our God,
From Thy holy habitation,
And from the Throne of Thy Glory,
Come and sanctify these gifts,
Those who offer, those for whom they are offered,
And those who receive them.
And grant through this Holy Communion,
Faith unfeigned,
Charity unfailing,
Fulfilment of Thy precepts,
The stirring up of the fruits of Thy Spirit,
The turning away of all evil,
Salvation of soul and body.
So that with all Thy Saints,
Who from the beginning have pleased Thee,
We may be partakers
Of those good things, which Thou hast prepared
For them that love Thee, O Lord,
In whom Thou shalt be glorified,
For ever and ever.**

Then shall the Priest say,

**Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's
Church militant here in earth.**

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, Who by Thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all men ;

We humbly beseech Thee most
 OBLATION mercifully to accept our Alms
 OF THE and Oblations, and to re-
 ELEMENTS. ceive these our prayers, which
 we offer unto Thy Divine

Majesty;

Beseeching Thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord : And grant that all they that do confess Thy Holy Name may agree in the truth of Thy Holy Word, and live in unity, and godly love.

We beseech Thee also to save and defend
 all Christian Kings, Princes,
 REMEM- and Governours ; and specially
 BRANCE OF Thy Servant *VICTORIA* our
 THE LIVING. Queen ; that under her we
 may be godly and quietly
 governed : And grant unto her whole council,
 and to all that are put in authority under
 her, that they may truly and indiffer-
 ently minister justice, to the punishment of
 wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance
 of Thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O Heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, (*especially the Bishop of this Diocese, and the Clergy of this parish,*) that

they may both by their life and doctrine set forth Thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer Thy Holy Sacraments ;

And to all Thy people give Thy Heavenly grace (*especially*) ; and especially to this congregation here present ; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive Thy Holy Word ; truly serving Thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech Thee of Thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity* (*especially*).

* The conclusion of this prayer is thus given in the "First Prayer Book" :—

"And especially we commend unto Thy merciful goodness this congregation, which is here assembled in Thy Name, to celebrate the commemoration of the most glorious Death of Thy Son.

"And here we do give unto Thee, most high praise and hearty thanks for the wonderful grace and virtue, declared in all Thy Saints from the beginning of the world ; and chiefly in the glorious and blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and God, and in the holy Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles and Martyrs, whose examples, O Lord, and steadfastness in Thy Faith, and keeping Thy holy commandments, grant us to follow.

"We commend unto Thy mercy, O Lord, all other Thy servants, which are departed hence from us, with the sign of faith, and now do rest in the sleep of peace : Grant unto them, we beseech Thee, Thy mercy and everlasting peace, and that at the day of the general Resurrection, we and all they which be of the mystical Body of Thy Son, may all together be set at His right Hand, and hear that His most joyful voice : Come unto me all ye that be blessed of my Father, and possess the kingdom which is prepared for you from the beginning of the world. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen."

And we also bless Thy Holy Name for all
 Thy servants departed this life
 REMEMBRANCE in Thy faith and fear (*especially*
 OF THE); beseeching Thee to
 DEPARTED. give us grace so to follow
 their good examples, that
 with them we may be partakers of Thy
 Heavenly Kingdom :

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's
 sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Short Exhortation.

YE that do truly and earnestly repent you
 of your sins, and are in love and
 charity with your neighbours, and intend to
 lead a new life, following the commandments
 of God, and walking from henceforth in His
 holy ways ; Draw near with faith, and take
 this holy Sacrament to your comfort ; and
 make your humble confession to Almighty
 God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

The Confession.

ALmighty God, Father of our Lord
 Jesus Christ, Maker of all things,
 Judge of all men ; We acknowledge and
 bewail our manifold sins and wickedness,
 Which we, from time to time, most
 grievously have committed, By thought,
 word, and deed, Against Thy Divine
 Majesty, Provoking most justly Thy wrath
 and indignation against us. We do earnestly

repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings ; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us ; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father ; For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past ; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please Thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of Thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Absolution.

ALMIGHTY God, our Heavenly Father, Who of His great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto Him ; Have mercy upon you ; pardon and deliver you from all your sins ; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness ; and bring you to everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Comfortable Words.

Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all that truly turn to Him.

COME unto Me all that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you.

St. Matt. xi. 28.

So God loved the world, that He gave His only-begotten Son, to the end that all that

believe in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *St. John* iii. 16.

Hear also what Saint Paul saith.

This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim.* i. 15.

Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous ; and He is the propitiation for our sins.

1 St. John ii. 1.

V. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up unto the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

R. It is meet and right so to do.

The Preface.

IT is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, [Holy Father,]* Almighty, Everlasting God.

Here shall follow the proper Preface, according to the time, if there be any specially appointed : or else immediately shall follow,

THEREFORE with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of

* *These words, [Holy Father] must be omitted on Trinity Sunday.*

Heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name ; evermore praising Thee, and saying,

The Sanctus.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory : Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.
Amen.

BLESSED is He That cometh in the Name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

Proper Prefaces.

Upon CHRISTMAS-DAY and seven days after.

BECAUSE Thou didst give Jesus Christ Thine only Son to be born as at this time for us ; Who by the operation of the Holy Ghost, was made very man of the substance of the Virgin Mary His Mother ; and that without spot of sin, to make us clean from all sin. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon EASTER-DAY, and seven days after.

BUT chiefly are we bound to praise Thee for the glorious Resurrection of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord : for He is the very Paschal Lamb, Which was offered for us, and hath taken away the sin of the world ; Who by His death hath destroyed death, and by His rising to life again hath restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon ASCENSION-DAY, and seven days after.

THROUGH Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord ; Who after His most glorious Resurrection manifestly appeared to all His Apostles, and in their sight ascended up into Heaven to prepare a place for us ; that where He is, thither we might also ascend, and reign with Him in glory. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon WHITSUN-DAY, and six days after.

THROUGH Jesus Christ our Lord ; according to Whose most true promise, the Holy Ghost came down as at this time from Heaven with a sudden great sound, as it had been a mighty wind, in the likeness of fiery tongues, lighting upon the Apostles, to teach them, and to lead them to all truth ; giving them both the gift of divers languages, and also boldness with fervent zeal constantly to preach the Gospel unto all nations ; whereby we have been brought out of darkness and error into the clear light and true knowledge of Thee, and of Thy Son Jesus Christ. Therefore with Angels, &c.

Upon the Feast of TRINITY only.

WHO art one God, one Lord ; not One only Person, but Three Persons in One Substance. For that which we believe of the glory of the Father, the same we

believe of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, without any difference or inequality. Therefore with Angels, &c.

The Prayer of Humble Access.

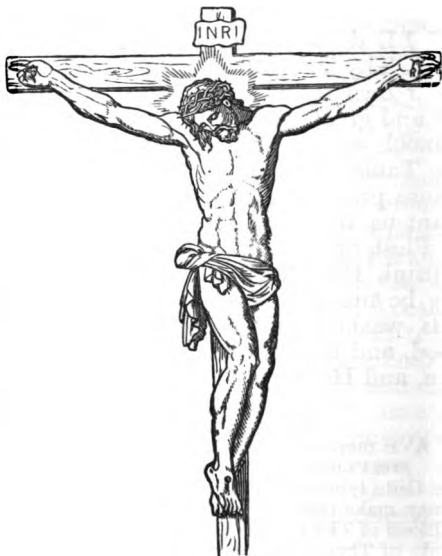
WE do not presume to come to this Thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy Table. But Thou art the same Lord, Whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the Flesh of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink His Blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His Body, and our souls washed through His most precious Blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. *Amen.*

Here you may pray.

HAVE mercy upon us, O Lord our God, after Thy great mercy, and send down upon us, and upon these Gifts lying before Thee, Thy Holy Ghost, that He may make this bread the Holy Body and this cup the Blood of Thy Christ; that They may be to us, who partake of Them for the remission of sins, and for the sanctification of soul and body unto life everlasting. *Amen.*

At the Consecration of the Bread.

O memoriale mortis Domini,
Panis vivus, vitam præstans homini.



At the Consecration of the Cup.

Pie pellicane Jesu Domine
Me, immundum munda Tuo Sanguine.

The Consecration.

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, Who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine Only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our Redemption, Who made there, by His one Oblation of Himself once offered, a full, perfect and sufficient Sacrifice, Oblation and Satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world ; and did institute, and in His Holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that His precious Death, until His coming again ;

Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee ; and grant that we receiving these Thy creatures of
THE
INVOCATION.

Br⁺ead and Wi⁺ne, according to Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His Death and Passion, may be partakers of His most Blessed Bo⁺dy and Bl⁺ood :

Who in the same night that He was betrayed, took Bread; and, when He had given
CONSECRATION OF
THE
BREAD.

Likewise after Supper He took the Cup ; and, when He had given ⁺ thanks, He gave It to them, saying, Drink ye all of This ; For This is My
CONSECRATION OF THE
CUP.

Blood of the New Testament, Which is shed for you and for many for the Remission of Sins : Do This, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of Me. *Amen.*

Here, as the holy Bishop Wilson recommended, you may use the prayer of oblation from the first Reformed Liturgy privately, in which case you will use the second of the Post-Communion prayers, after the Pater Noster.

WHEREFORE, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the Institution of Thy dearly beloved Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, we Thy humble servants do celebrate, and make here before Thy divine Majesty, with these Thy holy Gifts, the memorial which Thy Son hath willed us to make: having in remembrance His blessed Passion, mighty Resurrection, and glorious Ascension, rendering unto Thee most hearty thanks, for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same, entirely desiring Thy Fatherly goodness, mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving: most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in His Blood, we and all Thy whole Church* (*especially . . .*) may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.

And here we offer and present unto Thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls, and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and lively Sacrifice unto Thee: humbly beseeching Thee, that whosoever shall be partakers of this holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and be fulfilled with Thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one Body with Thy Son Jesus Christ, that He may dwell in them, and they in Him.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any Sacrifice: yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, and command these our prayers and supplications, by the

* Here you may remember the Faithful Departed.

ministry of Thy holy Angels, to be brought up into Thy holy Tabernacle before the sight of Thy Divine Majesty: not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Christ our Lord; by Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

*Then may this prayer follow, before Communion.**

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who by the will of the Father, and through the co-operation of the Holy Ghost, didst restore life to the world by Thy death: deliver me, I pray Thee, by this Thy most holy Body and Blood from all mine iniquities and from every evil; make me ever to obey Thy commandments, and suffer me not to be separated from Thee, O Saviour of the world, Who with the Father and the same Holy Spirit, livest and reignest God, world without end. Amen.

BEFORE RECEIVING THE HEAVENLY BREAD (*Sarum*).

HAIL evermore! most Holy Flesh of Christ, to me above all things the sum of delight. The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, be to me a sinner the Way, the Truth, and the Life. In the Name of the  Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

BEFORE RECEIVING THE CUP OF SALVATION (*Sarum*).

HAIL evermore! Heavenly Drink, to me above all things, the sum of delight. The Body and Blood

* In the Primitive Liturgies, as also in Sarum and Roman Use, before communicating, the Priest placed a particle of the Host in the Chalice, to symbolize the re-union of the Body and Blood, separated on the Cross, in the Resurrection.

of our Lord Jesus Christ avail to me a sinner, as an eternal healing, unto the Life everlasting. In the Name of the ✠ Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

AFTER COMMUNION.

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed to refresh me with the most holy Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; and I pray Thee that this Sacrament of our salvation, of which I an unworthy sinner have partaken, may not be for my judgment and condemnation as I deserve; but may be for the preservation of my soul to everlasting life. Amen. (*Sarum.*)

Or this.

ALMIGHTY, everlasting, and most merciful God, I pray Thee, by the most sweet Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, which I have received in these Holy Mysteries, to grant me pardon of all my sins, both now and hereafter, true penitence, perseverance in good works, to know Thee and love Thee with my whole heart, and after this life beholding Thee face to face, never to be separated from Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen. (*Sarum Missal*, 1520.)





Post-Communion.



The Lord's Prayer.

OUR Father, Which art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, As it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

The Prayer of Oblation.

O LORD and Heavenly Father, we Thy humble servants entirely desire Thy Fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving;

THE
OBLATION.

Most humbly beseeching Thee to grant, that by the merits and death of Thy Son

Jesus Christ, and through faith in His Blood, we and all Thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of His Passion.

And here we offer and present unto Thee,
 O Lord, ourselves, our souls and
 THE OBLA- bodies, to be a reasonable, holy,
 TION OF and lively sacrifice unto Thee ;
 OURSELVES. humbly beseeching Thee, that all
 we, who are partakers of this Holy Com-
 munion, may be fulfilled with Thy grace and
 Heavenly benediction.

And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto Thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech Thee to accept this our bounden duty and service ; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord ;

By Whom, and with Whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be unto Thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

Or this.

The Thanksgiving.

ALmighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank Thee, for that Thou dost vouchsafe to feed us, who have duly received these holy Mysteries, with the spiritual Food of the most precious Body

and Blood of Thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ ; and dost assure us thereby of Thy favour and goodness towards us ; and that we are very members incorporate in the Mystical Body of Thy Son, which is the blessed company of all faithful people ; and are also heirs through hope of Thy everlasting kingdom, by the merits of the most precious Death and Passion of Thy dear Son. And we most humbly beseech Thee, O Heavenly Father, so to assist us with Thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as Thou hast prepared for us to walk in ; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to Whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

Gloria in Excelsis.

GLORY be to God on High, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son Jesus Christ ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, That takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou That takest away the sins of the world, have

mercy upon us. Thou That takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou That sittest at the Right Hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most High in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

Then the Priest (or Bishop if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

THE PEACE.

And the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING.

After the Blessing.

O HOLY Trinity, let the performance of this my bounden duty and Service be pleasing unto Thee, and grant that this Holy Sacrifice, which I, though unworthy, have offered up in Thy sight, may be accepted by Thy Divine Majesty, and through Thy mercy be a propitiation for me and all those for whom It has been offered; through Jesus Christ Lord. *Amen.*

At the Ablutions.

GRANT, O Lord, that what I have taken outwardly with my lips, I may receive inwardly with a pure heart; and that the Gift vouchsafed in this life, may avail to my healing and salvation in the life to come. Amen.

After the Service.

O MOST merciful Lord God, ever blessed Trinity, Who hast not disdained that we, miserable sinners, should stand in Thy House to glorify and confess Thee, pardon me the faults of which I have been guilty, seeing that not even at the time of thanksgiving, intercession, and communion, have I been duly watchful against sin. Amen.

Returning from the Altar, according to Sarum Use, the Priest recited the Gospel for Christmas Day.





Additional Devotions, when Assisting or Present at a Celebration.*



I. At the Introit.

I.

From the Apologia of the Priest in the Liturgy of S. James.

O LORD our God, I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and am not worthy to present myself before Thy holy Table, whereon Thy only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, is mystically set forth as a Sacrifice for us sinners; but reject me not utterly, though polluted with the multitude of my sins. Not as being worthy, but looking up to Thy Goodness, do I cry unto Thee. O God, be merciful to me a sinner. Send down upon me the Spirit of Consolation to prepare and confirm me for this Service (and enable me to declare without condemnation Thy Word unto Thy people); through Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom, together with Thy most holy, good, and quickening Spirit, Thou art blessed, now and to everlasting ages. Amen.

* A much greater variety of devotions is here provided, for each division of the holy service, than can be used on every occasion: but a choice is thereby afforded.

II.

O ALMIGHTY Father, behold I, who am dust and ashes in Thy sight, presume to appear before Thee to offer up to Thee this most Holy Sacrifice, through our Great High Priest Jesus Christ our Lord.

I offer it in union with that Sacrifice He offered upon the Cross and Which He still presents before Thine Altar on high.

I offer it for Thine honour and glory, to the praise of Thy Holy Name, and in adoration of Thy Divine Majesty.

I offer it in thanksgiving for the Death and Passion of Thy dear Son, and for all the blessings I have received from Thee, for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

I offer it to obtain pardon and remission of all my sins, and of the sins of the flock committed to my charge, through the Precious Blood here pleaded before Thee.

I offer it for all needful blessings and graces, both for myself and for all others for whom I ought to pray, that the living may find grace, and the faithful departed rest and peace.

O be Thou pleased so to assist me by Thy grace that I may behave as I ought in Thy Divine Presence, and that I may so commemorate the Death and Passion of Thy dear Son that I may obtain grace here and eternal glory hereafter ; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.

O FATHER of mercies, and God of all comfort, Who so lovedst the world as to give up Thy only-begotten Son to the Death of the Cross, and hast moreover willed that the Sacrifice which He there

made of Himself should be continually commemorated before Thee in Thy Church, that the benefits of It may be applied to ourselves; grant, I beseech Thee, that I may attend on this wondrous and salutary Mystery with earnestness, reverence, and devotion, that by the Offering of this Unbloody Sacrifice, I may effectually partake of all those blessings, which He with so much Suffering and Blood offered up Himself to procure for us: through the same Jesus Christ. Amen.

IV. *From the Paradise.*

O LORD and Holy Father, Who hast summed up the multitude of legal sacrifices in the one sacrifice of the new Law; and Who hast given us on Mount Calvary in Thy beloved Son, the great High Priest of either Testament, an example of perfect oblation, according to which we are to offer; grant that by Thy grace, we may be conformed to the image of Thy Son, Who vouchsafed for us to take upon Himself the Form of a Servant.

And as He offered Himself upon the Cross, both Body and Soul, in a bloody manner, after the order of Aaron, and in an unbloody manner, at the last supper after the order of Melchizedeck, so may I, after His example, present my body a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to Thee, and my soul also with all its faculties and powers, as a holocaust of praise, a sacrifice of thanksgiving, my bounden duty and service, acceptable in and through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





II. At the Offertory.

I.

*"The Prayer of the Veil" from the Liturgy of S. James :
said when the veil was taken from the sacred Elements.*

WE render Thee thanks, O Lord our God, that Thou hast given us boldness to enter into the holiest, through the Blood of Jesus, by the new and living way which Thou hast consecrated through the veil of the Flesh of Thy Christ. Therefore thus entering into the tabernacle of Thy Glory, and brought within the veil, we fall down before Thee, full of fear and dread, about to offer this Holy Sacrifice for our sins, negligences and ignorances. But Thou, O Lord, send forth Thy Grace, and hallow our souls, bodies, and spirits, that so with pure hearts we may offer to Thee this Sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

Another adaptation.

O GOD, Who by the Blood of Thy dear Son, hast consecrated unto us a new and living way, into the Holy of Holies : Grant unto us the assurance of Thy mercy, and sanctify us by Thy heavenly grace, that we, approaching unto Thee with pure heart, and undefiled conscience, may offer unto Thee a Sacrifice, in righteousness, and duly celebrate Thy Holy Mysteries, to the glory of Thy Name ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.

From the Liturgy of S. James.

O GOD, our God, Who didst send forth the Heavenly Bread, the nourishment of the world, the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, to be our Ransom and our Benefactor; to bless and sanctify us, bless Thou Thyself, this offering, and receive it upon the Heavenly Altar.

Remember for good those who offer it, and those for whom it is offered, and keep us free from condemnation in the celebration of Thy Holy Mysteries: Whose glorious Name is hallowed for evermore. Amen.

IV.

From the Syriac Liturgy.

O GOD, great and wonderful for ever, Who didst receive the sacrifices, vows, first fruits, and tithes of Thine ancient Israel, receive, O Lord, the oblations of *these* Thy servants, which they have separated and offered for the love of Thy Holy Name. Preserve and bless the givers with all spiritual blessings: gladden them with the never-failing riches of Thy grace: and the hope of the promises made to Thy Holy ones: pour Thy blessing on all that belongeth to them: Grant them health and continence of body; purity and sanctity of soul: give rest to their departed ones in Thy blessed habitations; and in exchange for these temporal gifts grant them Thine eternal riches. Amen.

V.

At the pouring Wine and Water into the Chalice.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who didst wonderfully create human nature, and didst yet more wonderfully re-create it, grant us through this mystery of water

and wine to become partakers of His Divinity, Who vouchsafed to become partaker of our humanity. Amen.

• VI.

If Incense be Offered.

INCENSE and a pure offering, O Lord of Hosts, Thine Holy Church presents unto Thy Name, and when the cloud covereth the mercy-seat, look forth upon Thy people, and speak peace.

VII.

For the Celebrant.

THE grace of the Holy Spirit kindle and enlighten thy heart and lips, and may the Lord accept this sacrifice at thy hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VIII.

Moxarabic.

IN the humility of my spirit do I approach Thee, Who hast given unto me hope and ghostly strength. Do thou, therefore, O Son of David, Who hast come to us in the flesh, revealed in mystery, open with the key of Thy Cross the secrets of my heart, sending one of the Seraphin who with a burning coal, taken from Thine Altar on high, may purify my unclean lips: O enlighten my mind, and minister matter of teaching, so that my tongue, which should minister in love to the edification of the hearer, may not give occasion of error, but be ever a preacher of eternal truth, through Thee, O my God, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

(Given after the Offertory in the original, but suitable before preaching.)



III. At the Canon.

In the early Liturgies the Sanctus may be said to give the keynote of the words wherein the great act of Consecration is enshrined. Thus the most perfect of the modern Anglican group of Liturgies, that of the Nonjurors, follows S. James.

HOLY, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory: Hosanna in the Highest: Blessed is He That cometh in the Name of the Lord: Glory be to Thee, O Lord most High.

Immediately after.

HOLINESS is Thy nature and Thy gift, O Eternal King. Holy is Thine only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, by Whom Thou hast made the world. Holy is Thine ever-blessed Spirit, Who searcheth all things, even the depths of Thine infinite perfections. Holy art Thou, Almighty and Merciful God; Thou madest man in Thine own Image, broughtest him into Paradise, and didst place him in a state of dignity and pleasure, and when he had lost his happiness by transgressing Thy commands, Thou of Thy goodness didst not abandon and despise him, Thy Providence was still continued, Thy law was given to revive the sense of his duty, Thy Prophets were commissioned to restrain and instruct him. And when the fulness of time was come, Thou didst send Thine only-begotten Son to satisfy Thy Justice, to strengthen our nature, and renew Thine Image within us.

For these glorious ends Thine Eternal Word came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Ghost, born of the Blessed Virgin, conversed with mankind, and directed His life and miracles to our salvation.

And when His hour was come to offer the Propitiatory Sacrifice upon the Cross, when He Who had no sin Himself, mercifully undertook to suffer death for our sins, in the same night that He was betrayed—

Here follows as in our own Consecration Prayer, "Who in the same night that He was betrayed took Bread" (etc).

BEFORE CONSECRATION.

*The Cherubic Hymn from the Liturgy of S. James.**

LET all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand,
Ponder nothing earthly minded,
For with blessings in His Hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to command.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood :
Lord of lords in human vesture,
In the Body and the Blood :
He will give to all the Faithful
His own Self for heavenly Food.

* Here in the Liturgy of S. James (Syriac Version) the Deacon cried, "How terrible is this hour—how dreadful this time, O my beloved, in which the Holy and Living Spirit descends and moves upon this Eucharist, placed in this Sanctuary, and sanctifies it. Stand ye, and pray ye, with fear and trembling. Peace be with us, and security in God the Father of us all. Let us cry and say thrice Kyrie Eleison."

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard in the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

At His Feet the six-winged Seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord most High.*

INVOCATION.

From the Liturgy of the Nonjurors.†

WE beseech Thee to look favourably on these Thy gifts, which are here set before Thee, O Thou self-sufficing God: and do Thou accept them to the honour of Thy Christ and send down Thine Holy Spirit, the Witness of the Passion of our Lord Jesus upon this Sacrifice, that He may make this Bread the Body of Thy Christ, and this Cup the Blood of Thy Christ, that they who are partakers thereof may be confirmed in godliness, may obtain remission of their sins, may be delivered from the devil, and all his snares, may be replenished with the Holy Ghost, may be made worthy of Thy Christ, and may obtain everlasting life, Thou, O Lord Almighty, being reconciled unto them, through the merits and mediation of Thy Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

* Paraphrased by the Rev. Gerard Moultrie, to whom the Editor's thanks are due.

† Where it follows the words of Institution, as in the Scotch Rite, it is copied from the Clementine Liturgy.

AT THE CONSECRATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE.

See page 282, or you may use the following,

HAIL! most holy Body of Christ! Blessed Jesu, be Thou, to me a sinner, Life, Health, and Salvation: be thou my Food, my Consolation now, and at the hour of my death.

Hail! most precious Blood: flowing from the wounds of my Saviour, and washing away all sin: Most loving Jesu, do Thou cleanse, sanctify, and preserve my soul, to everlasting life.

O most kind! most loving One!
O sweetest Jesu! Holy Mary's Son!

AFTER THE CONSECRATION.

LORD, what is man that Thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that Thou thus visitest him?

Ave! Verbum Incarnatum,
In altari consecratum;
Panis vivus angelorum,
Salus et spes infirmorum,
Medicina peccatorum,
Salve! Corpus Jesu Christi
Qui de cœlo descendisti;
Populum-que redemisti
Cum in Cruce pependisti.





Acts of Adoration

No man eats this Flesh, unless he first adores ; for the wise men and the barbarians did worship this Body in the manger, with great fear and reverence, let us therefore, who are citizens of Heaven, at least not fall short of the barbarians. But thou seest Him not in the manger but on the Altar ; and thou beholdest Him not in the Virgin's arms, but presented by the Priest, and brought to thee in sacrifice by the Holy Spirit of God. S. Augustine in Ps. xcvi.

I.

Agnus Dei.

O LAMB of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Sacrifice and Victim Thou,
Purge away our sins ; and now
Have mercy, have mercy,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
Thou Who by Thy Blood didst deign
Of our guilt to wash the stain,
Have mercy, have mercy,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,
By Thy Passion Who didst win
Victory o'er death and sin,
From Thy Throne high heaven within
Grant us, grant us,
Grant us Thy peace.

II.

Adoro Te Supplex.

PROSTRATE I adore Thee, Deity unseen,
 Who Thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean ;
 Lo ! to Thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
 Tranc'd as it beholds Thee shrin'd within the cloud.
 Shepherd of the faithful, Jesu, hear our cry,
 Lord increase their faith, who on Thy Faith rely.

'Twas the Godhead only on the Cross was veil'd,
 Here the manhood also is from sight conceal'd.
 Both alike believing, Thee, one Christ, I own,
 Suing, like the robber, at Thy mercy's throne.
 Shepherd of the faithful, &c.

Thy dread wounds, like Thomas, though I cannot see
 His be my confession, Lord and God, of Thee.
 Lord, my faith unfeigned evermore increase,
 Give me hope unfading, love that cannot cease.
 Shepherd of the faithful, &c.

Oh ! memorial wondrous of the Lord's own Death,
 Living Bread, that givest all His creatures breath !
 Grant my spirit ever by Thy life may live,
 To my taste Thy sweetness never-failing give.
 Shepherd of the faithful, &c.

Pelican most tender, Thine own children's Food,
 Cleanse my heart's uncleanness with Thy precious
 Blood.

Lo, one drop, dear Jesu, all the world could save,
 From sin's foul pollution all creation lave.
 Shepherd of the faithful, &c.

III.

Abe, Verum Corpus.

HAIL, True Body, born of Mary,
 Spotless Virgin's virgin birth;
 Thou Who truly hangedst weary,
 On the Cross for sons of earth;
 Thou Whose sacred Side was riven,
 Whence the Water flowed and Blood.
 O may'st Thou, dear Lord, be given
 At death's hour to be my food.
 O most kind ! O gracious One !
 O sweetest Jesu, Mary's Son ! Amen.

IV.

● *Salutaris.*

O SAVING Victim, opening wide
 The gates of Heaven to man below ;
 Our foes press on from every side,
 Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.
 All praise and thanks to Thee ascend,
 For evermore, blest One in Three ;
 O grant us Life that shall not end,
 In our true native land, with Thee. Amen.

V.

From the Paradise.

TO THE FIRST-FRUITS OF THE HUMAN RACE JESU
 CHRIST ;
 Whose delights are with the sons of men.
 TO THE TREE OF LIFE ;
 Planted in the midst of Paradise,
 Whose fruit affordeth eternal life to the eater.

TO THE PASCHAL LAMB ;

Immaculate—Eucharistic.

Which in perpetual memorial of our deliverance
from the spiritual Egypt,
is to be eaten.

TO THE TRUE MANNA ;

Containing in itself all sweetness and delight.

TO THE BREAD OF ANGELS ;

Yet the food of the pilgrim ;

Which God, giver of Himself, bestows upon mortals
in the desert of life.

TO THE TRUE VINE ;

Which nourisheth with celestial sap
the branches in itself abiding, whence floweth—

Wine whose fruit is virgins ;

which maketh glad the heart of man.

TO THE MYSTIC PELICAN ;

Who nourisheth its children with its own Blood.

TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN ;

Who poureth the wine of love, and the oil of mercy
into the wounds of men.

TO THE PRIEST FOR EVER ;

After the Order of Melchizedek ;

Who bringeth forth Bread and Wine,—yea, Himself.

TO THE HIGH PRIEST OF OUR PROFESSION ;

Innocent, harmless, undefiled,

separate from sinners :

Who not for Himself, but for us, needeth to offer.

TO THE GOOD SHEPHERD;

Who feedeth us in a green pasture,
And leadeth us forth beside the waters of comfort.
Be all blessing and honour, all praise and glory, all
power and dominion, for ever and ever.

Worthy is the Lamb That was slain to receive
power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and
honour, and glory, and blessing, for ever and ever.
Amen.

VI.

BONE PASTOR.

Bone Pastor, Panis vere.
Jesu nostri miserere,
Tu nos pasce, nos tuere,
Tu nos bona fac videre
In terra viventium.
Tu, qui cuncta scis et vales,
Qui nos pascis hic mortales,
Tuos ibi commensales,
Cohæredes, et sodales,
Fac, Sanctorum civium. *Amen.*





Prayers of Oblation.



I.

Abridged from the Liturgy of S. James.

WHEREFORE, Lord, we sinners, Thy servants, mindful of His life-giving Passion, of His saving Cross, His Death, His Burial, His Resurrection on the third day, His Ascension into Heaven, and His Session on Thy Right Hand, and His second coming with glory to judge the quick and the dead : do offer to Thee, our Lord and Master, this awful and unbloody Sacrifice, beseeching Thee not to reward us after our iniquities, but according to Thy unspeakable loving-kindness to blot out the handwriting of our offences that is against us, and grant us those Heavenly and eternal gifts which eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither have entered into the heart of man to conceive, the things, O God, which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

And grant that this Holy Communion may be unto those who shall receive It for the forgiveness of their offences, the sanctification of their souls and bodies, for the bringing forth of the fruit of good works, and for the strengthening of Thy Holy Church which

Thou hast built upon the Rock of Faith, so that the gates of hell may not prevail against it.*

We pray Thee for Thy Holy Catholic Church : for this congregation ; for those who are over us in the Lord ; and for those to whom we minister ; for those who are afflicted, or in prison, or who suffer for Thy Name ; for the sick and dying ; for them that travel ; for them that mourn ; the widows and fatherless ; the poor, the needy ; for the preservation of the fruits of the earth ; (for *here think of the especial grace or favour you most need from God for yourself or others,*) and finally, for all those for whom we ought to pray, or who have desired our prayers, which we now offer before Thine Holy Altar.

Remember, O Lord, the spirits of all flesh, whom we remember and who are forgotten upon earth, from Abel Thy just servant, until this present day : grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light, and peace, in the land of the living, in Thy kingdom, in the bosom of Abraham, where sorrow and pain and sighing are banished away, where the Light of Thy Countenance ever shineth, and Thou dost wipe away all tears from the eyes.

And to us sinners, Thy servants, hoping in the multitude of Thy mercies, grant that the end of our lives may be peaceful, and dear in Thy sight. Gather us under the feet of Thine elect, when Thou wilt and as Thou wilt, only without shame and sin ;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Thine only-begotten Son, in Whom Thou art well pleased, with Whom Thou art worshipped and glorified, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, now and for ages of ages. Amen.

* This application of the words of our Blessed Lord to S. Peter, is found in both the Greek and Syriac versions of this ancient Liturgy.



IV. The Communion.



ACTS OF DEVOTION BEFORE COMMUNION.*

I.

From Bp. Andrewes.

LORD,
I am not worthy
that Thou shouldst come under my roof ;
For it is desolate and ruinous,
neither wilt Thou find within me
place to lay Thy head.
But since Thou hast not disdained to recline
in a stable with the brute beasts,
nor disdained to be the Guest
of Simon the Leper,
neither hast spurned
the woman, who, like me, was a great sinner,
nor abhorred
the washing of her tears,
so deign, O Lord, to receive me,
the chief of sinners,
to the participation
of this immaculate and lifegiving
Sacrament.

* *Should you be present at a Celebration on any occasion, when from having already communicated on the same day, or from other sufficient reason, you do not purpose to communicate, you will find Acts of Spiritual Communion on page 324. The Colloquy on page 318, will also be useful, as also the Meditations, and Hymns to be found infra.*

II. PRAYER OF S. IGNATIUS.

Anima Christi.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me ;
 Body of Christ, save me ;
 Blood of Christ, refresh me ;
 Water from the Side of Christ, wash me ;
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
 O good Jesu, hear me,
 Within Thy wounds hide me,
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
 From the malicious enemy defend me,
 In the hour of death call me,
 And bid me come unto Thee,
 That with Thy Saints I may praise Thee
 To all eternity. Amen.

Or this form.

The Soul of Christ hallow me,
 And the Body strengthen me,
 And the Blood ransom me,
 And the Water wash me,
 And the Bruises heal me,
 And the Sweat refresh me,
 And the Wound hide me !
 O Blessed Jesu, hear me,
 And suffer me not to be separated from Thee.
 From the malicious enemy, defend me ;
 In the hour of my death, call me,
 And place me near to Thee ;
 That with Thy holy Angels,
 I may praise Thee
 To endless ages. Amen.

*Or, if time, the following Paraphrase of the Anima Christi,
 which may be used before or after Communion.*

Paraphrase of the "Anima Christi."

Soul of Jesu, make me holy,
Make me contrite, meek and lowly ;
Soul most stainless, Soul Divine,
Cleanse this sordid soul of mine,
Hallow this polluted soul,
Purify it, make it whole ;
Soul of Jesus, hallow me.

Miserere Domine.

Save me, Body of my Lord,
Save a sinner, vile, abhorred ;
Sacred Body, wan and worn,
Bruised and mangled, scourged and torn,
Pierced Hands, and Feet, and Side,
Rent, insulted, crucified,
Save me,—to the Cross I flee ;

Miserere Domine.

Blood of Jesus, Stream of Life,
Sacred Streams with Blessings rife,
From Thy Broken Body shed,
On the Cross that Altar dread ;
Given to be our Drink Divine,
Fill my heart and make it Thine ;
Blood of Christ my succour be ;

Miserere Domine.

Holy Water, Stream that poured
From Thy riven Side, O Lord,
Wash Thou me without, within
Cleanse me from the taint of sin,
Till my soul is clean and white,
Bathed, and purified, and bright,
As a ransomed soul should be ;

Miserere Domine.

Jesu, by the wondrous power
Of Thine awful Passion hour,
By the unimagined woe
Mortal man may never know ;
By the curse upon Thee laid,
By the Ransom Thou hast paid,
By Thy Passion comfort me ;
Miserere Domine.

Jesu, by Thy bitter Death,
By Thy last expiring Breath,
Give me the Eternal Life
Purchased by that mortal strife ;
Thou didst suffer death that I
Might not die eternally ;
By Thy dying quicken me ;
Miserere Domine.

Miserere ; let me be
Never parted, Lord, from Thee ;
Guard me from my ruthless foe,
Save me from eternal woe ;
When the hour of Death is near,
And my spirit faints for fear,
Call me with Thy voice of Love,
Place me near to Thee above,
With Thine Angel host to raise
An undying song of praise ;
Miserere Domine.

This beautiful paraphrase appeared in the "Church Porch" for April, 1855. The Editor offers his apologies to the unknown author for its insertion, but feels sure that if living he would be glad that it should minister to the devotion of many. It has already been singularly useful to the Editor's knowledge.

ACT OF FAITH.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who art a Priest for ever, and Who hast said, My Flesh is meat indeed, and My Blood is drink indeed, I believe that Thou art the Christ the Son of the Living God, and that Thou art present in this Sacrament. I believe that Thou, my Saviour, true God and true man, hereby communicatest Thyself to us, makest us partakers of the fruits of Thy Passion, and givest us a pledge of eternal life. I believe that there cannot be a greater happiness than to receive Thee worthily, a greater misery than to receive Thee unworthily. Lord, I believe, help Thou mine unbelief.

AN ACT OF LOVE.

O MOST sweet Saviour, Christ Jesu, how great was the strength of that love which drew Thee from the bosom of the Father unto this sinful earth, to take human flesh, to undergo misery, innumerable injuries, nay, the Death of the Cross, for us miserable sinners, and for our salvation.

We were the criminals, and Thou didst undergo the shame and the punishment.

And that love, which thus drew Thee down upon earth, led Thee when about to return to the Father, Thy labour of love accomplished, to leave us in this Blessed Sacrament the pledge of Thy love, whereby in a mysterious manner Thou, Whose delights are with the sons of men, ever abidest with those whom Thou hast chosen.

O Mighty work of love, whosoever abideth in love abideth in Thee. I desire to receive Thee in this Holy Mystery, to be united to Thee, that I may say with Thine Apostle, "Who shall separate me from the love of Christ?"

Accomplish and perfect this my desire, O most Blessed Lord and Saviour.

AN ACT OF HUMILITY.

WHO am I, my God, that I should dare to draw nigh unto Thee? Thou art the Holy of Holies, the King of kings, the Lord of lords; and I a poor wretched sinner, unworthy to be called Thy son.

How should I dare to approach Thee, didst Thou not call me so lovingly to come unto Thee, I who am not worthy to raise my eyes unto Thee.

But remember, O Good Jesu, that being God, Thou didst humble Thyself to us who lay in darkness and the shadow of death, and didst deign to hold converse with publicans and sinners.

Therefore, O my God, I cry to Thee with the publican, "God be merciful to me a sinner." Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, but say the word only and my soul shall be healed.

ACT OF REPARATION.

O LORD Jesus, my God and Saviour, Who for our sakes didst endure the outrages and insults of them who crucified Thee, and dost yet deign to bear with those who neglect Thy sacred presence in this Sacrament of Thy love, or approach Thee not discerning Thy Body, I bewail these and all other indignities which Thou dost bear in love to Thy people, and beseech Thee to kindle in my heart, and in me the hearts of all of us who shall approach Thine Altar, fervent love, deep reverence, and unfeigned devotion, such as shall be well-pleasing to Thee, that Thou mayest honoured in this Sacrament of Thy love. Amen.

Many of the devotions and meditations given in preparation before Communion may be used here, especially the seventh portion of the prayer of S. Ambrose, p. 238. No. XV. and XVI., pages 253 and 255, and the seventh meditation, p. 261

Before Receiving the Heavenly Bread say Thrice,

Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof, but speak the word only, and Thy servant shall be healed.

After.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord, Who feedest me with the Bread of Life.

O Lord God, Who didst sanctify us by the Offering of the Body of Jesus once for all, sanctify me, even me, O Heavenly Father.

Before Receiving the Chalice.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits which He hath done unto me? I will take the Cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

After.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord Jesus, Who permittest me to drink of the Fountain of Life freely! Thou hast loved us, and washed us from our sins in Thy own Blood: to Thee be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

On kneeling again in the Church.

I.

GLORY be to Thee, my Lord and my God, for thus feeding me with Thy most blessed Body and Blood! Let this Heavenly Food impart new life and vigour to me, and to all who communicate with me, that our faith may increase daily, that we may become

humble and contrite for our sins, may love Thee, serve Thee, delight in Thee, and praise Thee, more fervently and constantly than we have ever done before. Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, my Lord Jesus Christ, be merciful to my sins through my reception of Thy Body and Thy Blood. For Thou hast said, Whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood dwelleth in Me and I in him. Wherefore I humbly pray Thee to make me a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within me, to deliver me from all the snares of the devil and to cleanse me from all my faults, (*especially . . .*) that so I may be partaker of Thy heavenly joys. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen. (*Sarum Missal*).

III.

MAY Thy Body, O Lord, which I have eaten, and Thy Blood which I have drunk, hallow my body and soul; and grant that no stain of sin may abide within me, whom such heavenly Food hath sustained. Amen.



ACTS OF DEVOTION AFTER COMMUNION.

Do not hesitate to ask eagerly for graces for yourself and those dear to you. You have within you an infinite Treasure of Heavenly Grace. The avidity of him who seeks provokes the liberality of God the Giver. Open Thy mouth wide and He will fill it. Firstly, adore Him and render love for love.

I.

BEHOLD, O Lord, I have Thee, Who hast all things: I possess Thee, who possessest all things. O my God, and my all, draw my heart from all things besides Thee, for in them there is nought but vanity and vexation of spirit. In Thee alone is true rest and everlasting life.

Thou art the Physician of my soul, Who hast healed my sicknesses by Thy stripes. I am that sick man Thou camest from heaven to heal. Heal my soul for I have sinned against Thee.

Thou art the Good Shepherd, Who hast laid down Thy life for Thy sheep; behold me, the sheep which was lost, yet Thou hast fed me with Thy Body and Blood. What wilt Thou deny me Who hast given me Thyself? Thou shalt feed me in a green pasture, and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort, until I reach the land of everlasting life.

O true Light, which enlightenest every man that cometh into the world, dispel the darkness of my heart, lighten my eyes that I sleep not in death.

O Well of Living Water, springing up into everlasting life, quench my thirst, revive my drooping soul, here let my fainting spirit lave itself at will.

O King of Heaven and earth, rich in mercy, behold me, poor and needy; Thou knowest what I need; Thou alone canst enrich me; out of the treasures of Thy goodness succour my needy soul.

O my Lord and my God, I am Thy servant and the son of Thine handmaid ; Thou hast broken my bonds in sunder ; kindle my love ; enlighten my understanding, that I may know and do Thy will.

Thou art the Lamb of God, the Lamb without spot, Which taketh away the sins of the world. Take from me what displeaseth Thee, and give me that which pleaseth Thee.

O my God and my all, may the burning power of Thy love so absorb my soul, that I may die to the world for the love of Thee Who didst deign to die on the Cross for love of me. Amen.

The few minutes after Communion have always been felt to be a most appropriate time to intercede for those who need or desire our prayers, If there is time, therefore, pray especially for your flock, and others most dear to you, using the intercessions you are in the habit of using daily.

COLLOQUY BETWEEN THE DIVINE MASTER AND THE DISCIPLE WHILE OTHERS COMMUNICATE.

The Disciple.

O DEAR Lord and Master, Thou art here present, and I see Thee not with my bodily eyes, yet my faith perceives Thee veiled in these Holy Mysteries.

O that, like S. John, I might recline upon Thy Bosom, that I might feel Thine Heart beating with Love, that I might ask of Thee grace to be Thine for ever.

The Master.—Blessed, My child, are they who have not seen and who yet believe ; many saw Me in the days of My earthly pilgrimage who will never see Me in Heaven, who but saw Me to reject Me ; but they who see Me by Faith, they shall be Mine for ever.

Thou askest for grace: seek and thou shalt find, ask and it shall be given.

The Disciple. O my Lord God, I seek humility, that I may root out pride and confidence in self.

The Master. Behold, for thee I lay an Infant in the manger, learn Humility from Bethlehem.

The Disciple. O my Lord and my God, my thoughts wander in prayer, I cannot meditate as I would.

The Master. Behold, for thee I passed long nights in prayer on the mountains. Lift up thine eyes to the hills from whence cometh thy help.

The Disciple. O my Lord and my God, the flesh weigheth down my spirit; teach me how to subdue it.

The Master. Behold for thee I fasted forty days and forty nights. I suffered hunger, thirst, and pain; learn self-denial from the wilderness.

The Disciple. O my Lord and my God, I seek submission to Thy heavenly Will, that I may be content to labour in Thy Vineyard, in sorrow or joy, leaving the result to Thee.

The Master. As my Father hath sent me so send I thee. What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter. Learn from Gethsemane to say, Not my will but Thine be done.

The Disciple. O Lord, I seek for peace, for rest in Thee; hide me in Thy Wounded Side.

The Master. Behold, My child, it is I, be not afraid; in Me there is peace,—a peace the world gave not and cannot take away,—let thy faith pierce the clouds which in these Holy Mysteries veil Me from thy sight. Dost thou behold these Hands?—see, I have graven thee upon Them. Dost thou behold these pierced Feet,—They walked this weary earth, wearied with seeking thee,—thee, the wandering child of My Love. Dost thou behold this spear-pierced Side?—thence flowed out the water of Baptism to redeem thee, the Blood which in this Sacrament of My Love cleanseth thee. Look upon this Brow: It was wreathed with a crown of thorns for thee, that thou mightest receive a crown of

everlasting glory, and mightest gain that peace, that rest, where no foe can come,—the Heart of thy Saviour,—speak, My child, is it Peace?

The Child. It is Peace, O Lord, Peace,—Peace in Thee.

Because thou now hast with Thee thy God and Saviour, who is both able and willing to give thee all things necessary to salvation ; pour out thine heart to Him, with confidence and love, shew Him thy troubles, ask of Him the graces thou needest both for thyself and those dear to thee.

AN ACT OF CONTRITION AND GOOD RESOLUTION.

O LORD Jesus Christ, God Incarnate, I lift up mine eyes unto Thee Who hast said Thou camest to save them which were lost. O Saviour of sinners, of whom I am chief, I deplore with all my heart the sins and offences I have committed against Thee; the sins of my childhood; the sins of my youth; the sins I know; and those I know not; the sins I have hidden so long from others, that now, alas! they are hidden from myself.

Woe is me! This fault under which I labour is very displeasing to Thee, and hurtful to myself. This virtue in which I am wanting, is precious in Thy sight, and highly necessary to me. Therefore, O Lord, give me the grace to overcome this failing, and to attain to this virtue. Let me strive to root out this fault, and to acquire this grace; for which purpose throughout this day I will practise this mortification will act in opposition to this sin and will avoid this occasion All these things I purpose to perform in thanksgiving for this day's Sacrifice and Communion. Grant that I may be faithful in my purpose, and at length having overcome, and being delivered from the hands of my enemies, I may die the death of the righteous, and receive an unfading crown in the Heavenly country.

ACT OF OBLATION AND INTERCESSION.

O ETERNAL Father, I offer to Thee Thy beloved Son, Whom Thou hast given to be my Food, and with Him my own heart, for all the mercies which Thou hast bestowed upon me. In Him Thou art always well-pleased. I am poor and needy, and of myself altogether unable to render Thee worthy thanks.

Remember, O Lord, that most holy Sacrifice, which Thy beloved Son offered to Thee during his whole Life, at the Paschal Supper, and on the Cross; and for the sake of It, have mercy on me: *my wife and children*: my parents, *brothers and sisters*: benefactors and friends: on those who have especially commended themselves to my prayers: all whom I have aggrieved or neglected to help in soul and body. On all these have mercy, O Father of mercies, granting them Thy grace to serve, love, and glorify Thee, with Thy beloved Son, and the Holy Ghost for ever. And together with them remember, O Lord, the souls of the faithful departed, (*especially . . .*) that they may obtain refreshment, light, and peace, and the eternal enjoyment of Thy Presence, in Whom they have hoped and believed.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL JOY.

THESE are the feasts which are pleasing to Thee, which Thou hast left to us orphans, in remembrance of Thy Love. O Virgin Born, Who hast not disdained that Thy Holy Body should be touched by me an unworthy sinner, what shall I render unto Thee for all that Thou hast bestowed upon me. For had I all the riches of the world, they were not in the very least comparable to Thy worth, O King of kings, and Lord of lords. O most sweet Jesu, I render thanks to Thy tremendous Majesty to the utmost of my frail powers, Who hast sweetly refreshed my thirsty

soul with Thy Sacred Body and Blood ; and entreat Thee that whatever is in me contrary to Thy will, may be rooted out by the grace of this Holy Sacrament, and my heart made meet to be the abode of Thy Holy Spirit.

And, O most kind Jesu, may this Communion of Thy Body and Blood be to my soul delight and joy ; salvation in temptation, peace in tribulation ; light in my pilgrimage, and finally my consolation and defence in the hour of my death. Amen. (*Sarum Encheiridion*)

After the Service.

GRANT, O Lord, that as I have now been admitted to see Thee under the form of Bread and Wine, so, when Thou shalt come again in Judgment, I may be found worthy to behold Thee in Thy glorious Majesty, and to enjoy Thee for ever in Thy Eternal Kingdom, where, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, Thou livest and reignest God for ever and ever. Amen.

O MOST merciful God, Who hast not disdained to receive us, miserable sinners, into Thy Presence to glorify and praise Thee, forgive me all the failings which have come upon me even at this solemn hour, in that other thoughts have taken hold of my mind, or carried it away in vain desires : and enable me, in the strength of this holy Sacrament, to become free from these and all my other sins ; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

I RENDER Thee most hearty thanks, O my God, through Jesus Christ Thy Son, that Thou hast been pleased to deliver Him up to death for us, and to give us His Body and Blood, both as a Sacrament and a Sacrifice, in these holy Mysteries, at which Thou hast permitted me to assist this day. May all heaven and earth bless and praise Thee for ever, for all Thy mercies. Oh! pardon me, dear Lord, all my distractions, and the manifold negligences which I have been guilty of this day in Thy sight; and let me not depart without Thy Benediction. Behold, I desire from this moment to give up myself, and all that belongs to me, into Thy Hands; and I beg that all mine undertakings, all my thoughts, words, and actions, may henceforward tend to Thy glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Liturgy of S. Basil (at the Ablutions.)

The Mystery of Thy Dispensation, O Christ our God,
Hath been accomplished as far as in us lies.
We have seen the memory of Thy Death;
We have seen the type of Thy Resurrection;
We have been filled with Thine endless life;
We have enjoyed Thy heavenly delights, of which
We pray Thee make us more worthy hereafter.
Through the grace of God the Father, and of Thy
Holy, Good, and Life-giving Spirit, let us depart in
peace. Amen.





Spiritual Communion.



The following rubric, founded upon an older one in the Sarum rite, gives the Anglican authority for Spiritual Communion :—*

"But if a man, either by reason of extremity of sickness, or by any other just impediment, do not receive the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood, the Curate shall instruct him, that if he do truly repent him of his sins, and stedfastly believe that Jesus Christ hath suffered death upon the Cross for him, and shed His Blood for his redemption, earnestly remembering the benefits he hath thereby, and giving Him hearty thanks therefore, he doth eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ profitably to his Soul's health, although he do not receive the Sacrament with his mouth."

Should you therefore through sickness, or any other just impediment, be unable either to celebrate or communicate on any accustomed day, unite yourself in spirit with those gathered around the Altar where you serve; and use such devotions as are applicable to your case.

Thus you may begin with the 43rd Psalm and the preparatory prayers given on page 265, remembering that you are present in spirit if not in body—say the Collect and read the Epistle and Gospel for the day, recite the Creed, the Prayer at the Offertory, and at the time usually occupied by the Consecration and Communion, make one or more of the following acts of Spiritual Communion.

* "Deinde communicetur infirmus, nisi in quo casu dicat sacerdos infirmo. Frater, in hoc casu sufficit tibi vera fides et bona voluntas, tantum crede, et manducasti."—*Sarum Manuale*.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION.

I.

O MY most loving Saviour, since I cannot have the happiness of receiving Thee this day, suffer me to gather up the crumbs under Thy table, and to unite myself to Thy Divine Heart by faith, hope, and charity.

I confess that I do not deserve the children's bread, but I venture humbly to declare that away from Thee my soul is dried up for thirst, and my heart cast down with faintness.

Come, then, unto me, O my Divine Jesus, come into my mind to illuminate it with Thy Light; come into my heart to enkindle in it the fire of Thy Love, and to unite it so intimately with Thine own that it may be no more I that live but Thou That livest in me, and reignest in me for ever. Amen.

II.

O ETERNAL Father, look here upon Thy beloved Son in Whom Thou art well pleased, and turn away Thy Face from my sins: for He bare our sins in His own Body on the Tree, and with His stripes we are healed.

With the publican would I smite my breast in deepest sorrow for those sins which drew down on Him such heavy punishment. For His sake be merciful to me a sinner. Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Who by Thy Death hast given Life unto the world, deliver me from all my sins, and keep me from evil. Make me to abide always in Thy commandments, and never suffer me to be separated from Thee, Who with the

Father and the Holy Ghost livest and reignest One God, world without end. Amen.

Hear me, O Lord Jesu, Who sittest on high with the Father, and art here invisibly present with us, and since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, enter spiritually into my soul, cleanse it from its sins and imperfections adorn it with heavenly gifts and graces and make me worthy with all Thy people to partake of Thy spotless Body and precious Blood. Amen.

III.

O MY sweet Saviour Jesus Christ, Thou art my Sovereign Good, the Fountain of all Good, my God and my all. I most firmly believe that for us sinners and for our salvation, Thou wast pleased to come down from heaven, to take upon Thee, by the mystery of Thine Incarnation, our human nature, and to become one of us, that so Thou mightest be our High Priest and our Victim. I most firmly believe that Thou offeredst Thyself upon the Cross a Sacrifice for us all, after having suffered many cruel torments; and that, by Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, Thou hast opened the gates of heaven for us. I most firmly believe that in these sacred Mysteries Thou art truly and really present, and that Thy sacred Body and Blood are here presented in sacrifice, and verily and indeed received by the faithful in remembrance of Thy death. Oh! how happy are those souls who worthily receive Thee in this Divine Sacrament. Oh! what grace, what sanctity, do they receive from this Fountain of all sanctity. O merciful Saviour, have compassion on me, and suffer me at least to sigh after Thee, and though I am unworthy of Thine embraces, permit me, like the penitent Magdalene, to present myself at least before Thy Feet, and wash Them in spirit with my tears. Oh! may Thy sacred Blood, which Thou hast shed for all sinners, cleanse my sin-

ful soul this day from all its guilt. Oh ! come to me, dear Lord, in spirit, and take possession of all the powers of my soul. Enlighten mine understanding, and inflame my will with Thy love. Oh ! let me be Thine and Thee mine from henceforth and for ever ; and grant that nothing, in life or death, may ever separate me from Thee any more. In this one prayer hear me, O Lord, and in all things else do with me as Thou wilt. Amen.

IV.

IN union, O dear Lord, with the faithful at every Altar of Thy Church, (*especially at . . .*) where Thy Death and Passion are pleaded before the Father, I desire to offer Thee praise and thanksgiving : I present unto Thee my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may be ever united to Thee. And since I cannot now receive Thee sacramentally, I beseech Thee to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to Thee, and embrace Thee with all the affections of my soul. O let nothing ever separate me from Thee, let me live and die in Thy Love. Amen.

" O come to me, dear Lord, to-day,
And let Thy love my spirit stay,
Behold it longeth sore for Thee
I would it might more worthy be :
To forest streams the hart doth fly,
When he from thirst is like to die,
And so my soul doth thirst for Thee,
O Jesu, Jesu come to me."

You may now conclude with the Lord's Prayer and the Gloria in Excelsis.



Thanksgiving.



I.

AFTER THE USE OF SARUM.

"When the Priest takes off his vestments he shall say the following Psalms under one Antiphon and Gloria."

ANTIPHON.—Let us sing the song of the Three Children.

O YE priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O Ananias, Azarias and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

PSALM CL. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE God in His holiness : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet: praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances: praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals: praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath: praise the Lord.

S. LUKE ii. 29. *Nunc Dimittis.*

LORD, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace: according to Thy Word.

For mine eyes have seen: Thy Salvation,

Which Thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Let us sing the song of the Three Children: which they sang as they blessed the Lord in the furnace of fire, giving thanks unto the Lord.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

¶ Let us bless the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost:

R. Let us praise and exalt Him above all for ever.

¶ Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of Heaven:

R. And above all to be praised and exalted for ever.

V. May the Almighty and Holy Trinity bless and keep us.

R. Amen.

V. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord :

R. For in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

V. Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts :

R. Shew the light of Thy countenance and we shall be whole.

V. Lord, hear our prayer.

R. And let our cry come unto Thee.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

O God, Who didst to the three children soothe the flames of fire, mercifully grant that the flames of sin may not kindle upon us Thy servants. Amen.

MAY the fire of the Holy Spirit, O Lord, cleanse our hearts and reins, that we may serve Thee with a chaste body and pure heart; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help: that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The five following prayers were also appointed to be said by the Priest after Holy Communion, according to opportunity.

I.

O ALMIGHTY God, Saviour of the world and Redeemer of souls, graciously look upon me Thine unworthy servant, prostrate before Thy Majesty; and do Thou mercifully regard this sacrifice, which I have offered in honour of Thy Name, for the well-being of the faithful, whether living or departed, as also for my own sins and offences.

Take away Thine anger from us, extend to us Thy grace and mercy, open to us the gate of Paradise, and deliver us from all evil, and whatsoever guilt I have incurred in my own person, do Thou forgive; and grant me grace so to run in the way of Thy commandments here below, that I may finally be united unto Thine elect in Heaven. Grant this, O God, on Whose blessed Name waiteth power and dominion for evermore. Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, be merciful to my sins through my reception of Thy Body and Thy Blood. For Thou hast said, Whoso eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood dwelleth in Me and I in him. Wherefore I humbly pray Thee to make me a clean heart and to renew a right spirit within me, to deliver me from all the snares of the devil and to cleanse me from all my faults, (*especially . . .*), that so I may be partaker of Thy heavenly joys. Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

III.

I GIVE thanks to Thee, O Lord God, Heavenly Father, that Thou hast vouchsafed to feed me, an unworthy sinner, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy dear Son our Lord Jesus Christ. And I beseech Thy goodness, that this Holy Communion may not be for my judgment and condemnation, but may be to me the armour of faith, and the shield of good resolution ; casting out of my mind the snares of the enemy, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, the pride of life, and whatsoever is contrary to Thy Holy Will ; so that at the last I may approach that Heavenly Banquet, where is the True Light, and the Everlasting Bliss of the just.

I pray also, O Lord, that this Holy Communion may be my Viaticum and Guide to the haven of eternal salvation ; consolation when troubled in mind ; sweet delight in each good purpose ; patience in tribulation ; healing in sickness. By these holy Mysteries, which I have this day received, grant me a right faith, a firm hope, perfect charity, detachment from the world, purification of desire, contentment of mind, and ardent love towards Thee.

In memory of, and in fellowship with, the Passion of Thy beloved Son, fulfil my life with faith and virtue to Thy praise and glory ; and grant that at my last hour, I may receive Thee in these holy Mysteries with such true faith, firm hope, and ardent love, that I may behold Thee with unveiled face for ever. Amen.

The preceding three prayers are from the Missal of 1526.

IV.

I GIVE thanks unto Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast advanced me, an unworthy sinner, to the dignity of the Priesthood ; and Who this day, not for any desert of mine, but of Thy mercy and good-

ness, hast vouchsafed unto me the grace of consecrating and receiving Thy most holy Body and Blood. Grant, I beseech Thee, of Thine ineffable goodness, that this Blessed Sacrament, which I have received, may not be for my condemnation, but for my salvation and forgiveness.

And whatsoever I have done amiss at Thine Altar, through evil or wandering thoughts, through irreverence in act, gesture, or negligence, in vain repetition of words, or distraction of mind, or in any manner whatsoever, I implore Thy holy compassion mercifully to forgive, and for these and *all* my sins, to grant me full absolution; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost; God, world without end. Amen.

V.

ALMIGHTY, Everlasting and most Merciful God, I pray Thee, by this most sweet Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, which I have received in these Holy Mysteries, to grant me pardon for all my sins, both now and hereafter, true penitence, perseverance in good works; to know Thee and love Thee with my whole heart, and after this life beholding Thee face to face, never to be separated from Thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Who livest and reignest with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

The last two prayers are from the Missal of 1520.

"Work in me day by day,
That I may fruitful be.
Say in me all I say
That I may speak for Thee.
Go with me all the way,
Thy Cross my Guide shall be."



The Thanksgiving.

*According to the Modern Latin Use.**



ANTIPHON.—Let us sing the song of the Three Children.

This Antiphon shall be doubled on Festivals.

Benedicite omnia opera Domini Domino.

O ALL ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord :
praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye
heavens, bless ye the Lord.

O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye
the Lord : O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the
Lord.

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord : O ye stars
of heaven, bless ye the Lord.

O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord : O ye
winds of God, bless ye the Lord.

O ye fire and heat, bless ye the Lord : O ye winter
and summer, bless ye the Lord.

* This Thanksgiving is in such general use amongst us, that it is still retained in this Edition, although the surviving Compiler ventures to consider it inferior to the first given, that of Sarum.

O ye dews and frosts, bless ye the Lord : O ye frost and cold, bless ye the Lord.

O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord : O ye nights and days, bless ye the Lord.

O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord : O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord.

O let the earth bless the Lord : yea let it praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord : O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord.

O ye wells, bless ye the Lord : O ye seas and floods, bless ye the Lord.

O ye whales and all that move in the waters, bless ye the Lord : O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord.

O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the Lord : O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord.

O let Israel bless the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord : O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord : O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord.

O Ananias, Azarias, and Misael, bless ye the Lord : praise Him, and magnify Him for ever.

Let us bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost : let us praise Him and magnify Him for ever.

Blessed art Thou, O Lord, in the firmament of heaven : and worthy to be praised, and glorious, and magnified for ever.

PSALM CL. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE God in His holiness : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him in His noble acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet : praise Him upon the lute and harp.

Praise Him in the cymbals and dances : praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be : world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Let us sing the song of the Three Children : which they sang as they blessed the Lord in the furnace of fire.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

- V. All Thy works praise Thee, O Lord :
- R. And Thy saints give thanks unto Thee.
- V. Let the saints be joyful with glory :
- R. Let them rejoice in their beds.
- V. Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us :
- R. But to Thy Name give the praise.
- V. Lord, hear our prayer :
- R. And let our cry come unto Thee.
- V. The Lord be with you :
- R. And with thy spirit.

O GOD, Who didst to the three children soothe the flames of fire, mercifully grant that the flames of sin may not kindle upon us, Thy servants.

PREVENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name; and finally, by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life.

GRANT us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, grace to quench the flames of our sins; as Thou didst endue the Blessed Lawrence with power to overcome the fire of his torments; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE render Thee thanks, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty Everlasting God, Who hast vouchsafed, not for any desert of ours, but only out of the condescension of Thy mercy, to feed us sinners, Thine unworthy servants, with the precious Body and Blood of Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ; and we pray that this Holy Communion may not bring guilt upon us to condemnation, but may intercede for us to our pardon and salvation; let It be to us an armour of faith and a shield of good purpose; a riddance of all sins; an extermination of evil desires and longings; an increase of love and patience, of humility and obedience, and all virtues; a firm defence against the wiles of our enemies, visible and invisible; a perfect quieting of all our impulses, fleshly and spiritual; a firm adherence to Thee, the one true God, and a blessed consummation of our end; and we pray Thee, that Thou wouldest vouchsafe to bring us sinners to that ineffable Feast, where Thou with Thy Son and the Holy Spirit art to Thy servants light and satisfaction and endless joy, their highest pleasure and perfect bliss; through the same our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE beseech, O Lord Jesu Christ, that Thy Passion may be unto us virtue, whereby we

may be fenced, protected, and defended; let Thy wounds be unto us meat and drink, whereby we may be fed, satisfied, and delighted; let the sprinkling of Thy Blood be unto us the washing away of all our sins; let Thy Death be unto us eternal glory. In these be all our food and gladness, the health and sweetness of our souls; for Thy mercy's sake, Who livest for ever and ever. Amen.

Remember throughout the day the infinite love through which the Lord Jesus hath come to visit you: wherefore utter from time to time ejaculations appropriate to the act of Sacrifice and Communion. Be on your guard against a dry and perfunctory performance of this Service, lest you should come to esteem It with diminished reverence. Seek rather that all who see and converse with you may perceive and acknowledge in your daily increasing holiness the fruits of your frequent reception of Him Who is the Source of whatever is holy.

DURING THE DAY.

O SACRED Banquet, in which Christ is received the memory of His Passion is brought before us: the mind is filled with grace; and the Pledge of eternal glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

℣. Thou feddest Thine own people with Angels' Food:

℟. And didst give them Bread from Heaven.

O GOD, Who unto us in this Blessed Sacrament hast left a memorial of Thy Passion, grant us so to venerate the Sacred Mysteries of Thy Body and Blood here on earth, that we may evermore perceive in ourselves the fruit of Thy redemption, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

I BESEECH Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, that this Holy Communion may be to me a Guide and provision for my way unto the haven of everlasting salvation. May It be to me a comfort when I am sad at heart, patience in trouble and anguish, and medicine in sickness. And by these Holy Mysteries which I have received grant me right faith, firm hope, and perfect charity, fervent love of Thee, and devout remembrance of Thy Passion, together with grace to shew forth Thy praise by giving up my life to Thy service. And grant me, in my last hour, so to receive these Holy Mysteries that I may have Thee for my Guide in the valley of the shadow of death, and may live with Thee for evermore. Amen.

EVENING.

O LORD Jesu Christ, my Creator and my Redeemer, my God, and my All, whence is this to me that Thou, Whom Heaven and earth cannot contain, shouldst enter into my house of clay, and make Thine abode with me?

What return shall I make Thee, O my Lord, for all the benefits that Thou hast done unto me? Behold when I had no being Thou didst create me, when I was gone astray and lost in my sins, Thou didst redeem me.

All that I have is Thine, and now to crown Thy other favours Thou hast given me Thyself. Blessed be Thy Name for ever. Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me praise His Holy Name.

Like Zacchæus I have this day presumed to receive Thee into my house; but, alas! with how little preparation! how little devotion! I grieve over my coldness of heart, and my great unworthiness which has rendered me so unfit to draw nigh unto Thee.

But Thou seest, O Searcher of hearts, all my maladies; Thou knowest the wounds of my soul.

O dispel my darkness by Thy Celestial Light, drive away my spiritual foes by Thy mighty power, strengthen my weakness with heavenly fortitude, subdue my evil passions and besetting sins, abide with me in all my trials and temptations, that I may never more be overcome, whom Thou hast deigned to unite to Thee in this Mystery of Divine Love.

Grant, O Blessed Lord, that the hands which have received Thee may never be instruments of sin, that the lips which Thou hast sanctified may never utter aught displeasing to Thee, that the heart wherein Thou hast entered may ever abide in Thy love. O Crucified Saviour ! mortify all carnal desires and hurtful emotions, that I may die to sin for the love of Thee, Who hast died on the Cross for me.

Graciously hear these my prayers, O Lord Jesus ; hide me in Thy dear Heart, which was pierced for me ; protect me from my foes, that nothing may ever separate me from Thee ; call me to Thee at the hour of my death that I may praise Thee for evermore. And now I lay me down in peace and take my rest, for it is Thou, Lord, only, Who makest me dwell in safety. O preserve me and abide with me, that, when life's eventide is past, I may rest in Thee, and that this frail body, which Thou hast sanctified by Thine own most precious Body, purified from its earthly stains in the grave, may be raised in incorruption, and when I wake up after Thy likeness I shall be satisfied with it. Amen.





Additional Acts of Thanksgiving.



I.

O ALMIGHTY God, and Heavenly Father, I return Thee thanks and praise for all Thy mercies vouchsafed unto me; and particularly for the opportunity which Thou hast this day given me of receiving that Holy Sacrament Which Thy Son Jesus Christ has appointed as a Memorial of His Death and Sufferings, and for the support and nourishment of our souls. I confess, O Lord, that I have not received It with a suitable degree of love and devotion towards Thee, nor am I sufficiently sensible of those blessings which It both commemorates and imparts. Forgive, O Lord, the weakness and imperfection of this and all my other services: increase my faith, enliven my heart with a constant and thankful affection towards Thee, and enable me, by Thy Holy Spirit, to fulfil the promises of obedience which I have now made to Thee. Make me watchful over my thoughts, words, and actions; and grant that I may lead an honest, sober, chaste, and godly life, following the Example of my blessed Master, Jesus Christ, and placing my whole trust in His precious Death for the pardon of my sins; that when He shall come again to judge the world, I may be found clothed with His Righteousness, and be received into Thy Heavenly kingdom.

II.

O JESUS, blessed Guest, Who hast condescended to come under the roof of Thy unworthy servant, drive away from my mind and heart all vain thoughts and imaginations, that my soul may delight in the contemplation and love of Thee alone. Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation. How wonderful is Thy Name, how great is Thy mercy! What shall I render unto Thee, O Lord Jesus, for all the benefits which Thou hast this day done unto me? Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His Holy Name!

III.

O MY Saviour, what but Love has brought Thee down to me so poor and vile? What dost Thou desire of me but love? Make me, then, to love Thee for Thine own sake, and to present my body a living sacrifice unto Thee, which is my reasonable service. Purify me, therefore, even as Thou art pure: turn away mine eyes lest they behold vanity, and quicken Thou me in Thy way: set a watch before my mouth, and keep the door of my lips; nor let mine heart be inclined to any evil thing. Let me speak Thy words alone, hunger after Thee, the Bread of Angels, thirst for Thee, the Fountain of life, and out of the abundance of the heart fulfil all righteousness. Show me what Thou wouldst have me to do, that I may please Thee all the days of my life. Grant what Thou commandest, and command what Thou wilt.*

What wilt Thou deny me, Who hast given Thyself to be my meat and drink, and a pledge of future glory? Have mercy, therefore, upon me, according

* Da quod jubes, et jube quod vis. S. Augustine.

to Thy loving-kindness. Teach me to know Thee, and to know myself, that I may exalt Thee and abase myself, may abhor myself and love Thee, may mortify myself and live in Thee, and possess Thee for ever.

Let me learn of Thee to be meek and lowly in heart, and to possess my soul in patience: teach me to do Thy Will, and to receive whatever happens to me as from Thee. Incline my heart to Thy testimonies, to Thy poverty, and not to covetousness. Thou art my treasure: in Thee alone let my heart be fixed.

IV.

O SAVIOUR, Lover of purity, cleanse the thoughts of my heart, that I may serve Thee with a chaste body, and please Thee with a pure mind.

Grant me to be temperate in all things, to receive my daily food as a remedy for my weakness until Thou vouchsafe to deliver me from such necessities. Let it be my meat to do Thy Will, and to adhere to Thee, O my God.

Kindle within me that fire which Thou camest to send upon the earth, that I may be fervent in spirit, serving Thee, the Lord, and may do all things to Thy glory.

Look, O Lord, upon my affliction, and see how, many they are that oppress me. My spirit is ready, but my flesh is weak. Arise, therefore, and help me, and suffer me not to be led into temptation, that I may give praise unto Thee, because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God. Hide me within Thy Wounds, for *there* is my sweet refuge and my rest.

O Lord, I know not what to ask as I ought: do Thou grant me what Thou knowest to be most expedient for Thy glory. Give me the knowledge of the Saints, the knowledge of salvation, the spirit of wisdom and understanding. Guard my soul amidst so many dangers, that I may be holy as Thou art holy. Make me

a worthy minister of Thy Altar, and a shepherd after Thine own Heart. Since I am called to be a steward of Thy holy mysteries, let me regard nothing but Thee: let me be ready to lose my life in this world, that I may keep it unto life everlasting.

V.

O MY Saviour, Thou art infinitely rich; all the treasures of Divine Grace are in Thee. These treasures Thou bringest with Thee when Thou dost visit us in this blessed Sacrament; and Thou takest an infinite pleasure in opening them to us to enrich our poverty. This gives me confidence to approach Thee now with my petitions—to beg of Thee those graces and virtues, of which, as Thou knowest, I very much stand in need.

Increase and strengthen my belief of Thy Heavenly Truths, and grant that henceforward I may ever live by faith, and be guided by the maxims of Thy Gospel.

Teach me to be poor in spirit, and take off my heart from these passing things, and fix it upon eternity. Teach me to be meek and humble of heart, and to possess my soul in patience. Grant that I may ever keep my body and soul pure from lust, may ever bewail my past sins, however small they may have seemed, and by daily mortification restrain all my sinful inclinations for the future.

Above all, teach me to love Thee, and to walk always in Thy Presence, to love my friends in Thee, and my enemies for Thee: and grant me grace to persevere to the end in this love, and so to come at the last to that happy place where I may love and enjoy Thee for ever.

VI.

O CHRIST Jesus meek and lowly of Heart, Who being in the form of God didst humble Thyself

and become obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross, and Who dost yet humble Thyself to come unto us, miserable sinners, under the outward forms of Bread and Wine, grant, that, following Thy steps in all lowliness, meekness, and humility, I may not be high-minded, but fear, and so receive grace from Thee Who resistest the proud but givest grace to the humble.

O my Lord and my God, Who didst choose the state of poverty upon earth, and hadst often no place to lay Thine head, incline my heart to Thy testimonies and not to covetousness, that I may not seek to lay up treasure on earth, where rust and moth corrupt, but may lay up treasure in heaven, that where my treasure is, my heart may be also.

O Immaculate Lamb, Who didst will to be born of a pure Virgin, grant unto me purity of mind and body, through this Blessed Sacrament Which I have received. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

O Thou Who wast led as a lamb to the slaughter, and Who wast dumb as a sheep before its shearers, Who being reviled reviledst not again, grant unto me the spirit of patience and submission, that not rendering evil for evil or railing for railing, I may overcome evil with good.

O Christ my Saviour, Who when Thou wast thirsty didst drink vinegar and gall, but Who hast prepared a table of spiritual delights for Thy people in this Blessed Sacrament, Who hast brought us to Thy Banqueting House, Whose banner over us is Love, grant that I may die to all carnal delights, and may keep my body in temperance and soberness all the days of my life, mortifying all immoderate desires, that I may be meet to be admitted to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb.

O Thou Who didst pray with agony and bloody sweat to Thy Father, remove from me all sloth in devotion, all wandering thoughts, that with heart, soul

and spirit, I may praise Thee and worship Thee now and for evermore.

Grant to me Thy grace, Who hast given me Thyself, for there is none other name given under Heaven whereby we must be saved.

VII.

THINE, O Lord, are all things which are in Heaven, and which are upon the earth.

I desire to offer myself, my body, my soul, and my spirit, to be a willing sacrifice to Thee, and to continue Thine for ever.

O Lord, in the simplicity of my heart, I offer myself unto Thee this day, in humble submission, for a sacrifice of perpetual praise.

Receive Thou me with the Holy Oblation of Thy Precious Body, which I have made unto Thee in the presence of Thy holy Angels.

I offer all my sins, O Lord, upon the Altar of Thy mercy, that Thou mayest consume them with the Fire of Thy Love; from the first day I could sin unto this present hour, I offer Thee all; I beseech Thee hear me graciously; behold I commit myself unto Thy mercy; I resign myself into Thine Hands; deal with me after Thy goodness, not after mine iniquities.

I offer up also all that is good in me although it be already Thine, that Thou mayest sanctify and accept it. I offer up also the prayers of those who are dear to me, and who have remembered my soul in their prayers.

Also I pray Thee for all who have desired my prayers, for all those for whom I ought to pray, the flock committed to my charge: grant that all may receive the help of Thy Grace, the aid of Thy Consolation, protection from all danger, deliverance from pain and sickness, that, freed from evil, they may with joy return abundant praise and thanksgiving to Thee.

I offer up also these my prayers and intercessions for all those who have in any way wronged, grieved, or slandered me, or have done me any injury ; I pray for all whom at any time I may have vexed, troubled, grieved, or scandalized, knowingly or unknowingly, that Thou wilt forgive us our offences one against another ; take away, O Lord, all that can hinder us from brotherly love.

Grant that we may find favour with those who have pleased Thee from the beginning, Patriarchs, Prophets, Apostles, Martyrs, and Confessors, where sorrow and sighing are banished away, and the light of Thy countenance shineth for ever.

VIII.

O FATHER of mercies and God of all consolation, Who out of the abundance of Thy mercy hast made me a partaker of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, behold I, a miserable sinner, now plead His Death and Passion before Thee, in union with that Love with which He presented Himself to Thee upon the Cross. He is my treasure, in Whom my whole hope is fixed ; His are the riches which I offer to Thee in satisfaction for my sins.

Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the face of Thine Anointed, in Whom Thou art well pleased, Who has now condescended to unite Himself to me in these Holy Mysteries : behold me, therefore, with the eyes of Thy mercy. Under His protection, under the shadow of His merits, I appear before Thee that beholding Him Thou mayest also look graciously upon me.

O let not that soul perish which has been sanctified by the presence of Thy dear Son Whom Thou didst send to seek and save the lost ; grant this through Thine infinite mercy. Amen.

IX.

LORD, I believe, but would believe more firmly.
Lord, I hope, but would hope more securely.
Lord, I love, but would love more warmly. Lord,
I grieve, but would grieve more deeply.

Thee I adore, Who art my first beginning ; Thee I
desire Who art my final end ; Thee I praise Who art
my constant benefactor ; upon Thee I call Who art
my kind defender.

By Thy wisdom direct me ; by Thy righteousness
keep me ; by Thy mercy comfort and protect me.

I pray Thee, O Lord, that my thoughts may be
directed to Thee, that my words may be of Thee, my
deeds according to Thy will, and my sufferings for
Thee.

I pray Thee give to my understanding enlighten-
ment, to my will submission, to my body purity, to
my soul holiness.

Let pride never corrupt me, flattery never move
me, the world never entice me, Satan never beguile me.

Grant me grace to cleanse my memory, to check my
tongue, to guard my eyes, and to restrain my senses.

Grant me, good Lord, love of Thee and hatred of
self, love of my neighbours and contempt of the world.

Let me study to obey my superiors, to help my
inferiors, to serve my friends, to envy no man.

Let me overcome love of pleasure by self-denial,
love of money by liberality, heat of temper by gentle-
ness, lukewarmness by earnestness.

Make me prudent in counsel, stedfast in danger,
patient in adversity, humble in prosperity.

Grant me to be instant in prayer, temperate in meat
and drink, diligent in duty, and stedfast in purpose.

Let me strive after holiness by sincere confession of
sin, by worthy receiving of the Body and Blood of
Christ, by continual recollection of mind, and pure
intention of heart.

Let me learn from Thee, O God, how little is all that is earthly, how great is all that is heavenly, how short is time, how long is eternity.

Grant me, O Lord, to be prepared for death, to stand in awe of judgment, to escape hell and attain heaven ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Three Meditations after Communion.



I.

"Know ye not that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates."

REMEMBER, my soul, where thou hast been, and what thou hast been doing. Thou hast been with the Lord of Life, and before God, angels, and men thou hast acknowledged Him, and devoted thyself to His obedience.

Remember that there may be but a few days before thou mayst appear at the tribunal of Him Who hath now entertained thee at His Table. The next sight thou mayst have of Him may be upon His throne, as One that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

With what affection has the death of the Lord been now remembered? Hast thou as sincerely renounced all thy evil ways, and consecrated thyself to the life of Christ, as thou hopest to be saved? It concerns me nearly, O my soul, to keep Him ever in my thoughts, and to express Him in my life; that when He comes He may see Himself in me, and behold His Own image in righteousness and true holiness fairly engraven in my heart. For many will say unto Him at that day, "Lord, we have eaten and drunk in Thy presence, and Thou hast taught in our streets;" but He will say, "I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from Me, all ye workers of iniquity." (*From Bishop Patrick.*)

II.

"And when they had sung an hymn, they went out into the Mount of Olives."

CONSIDER, my soul, the Apostles and their Lord in the holy Supper Room after the First Communion. Judas had gone out, and the voice of Jesus and the Eleven were raised sweetly in thanksgiving to God. Before Him and before them was the fearful trial of the night and the morrow, nevertheless the voice of praise was raised to God.

Thou hast received the same Blessed Sacrament. Thou art about to go forth into the world; hast Thou raised the voice of thanksgiving to thy God?

There are many who take great pains to prepare themselves beforehand to receive the Mighty Guest, but who take little pains to entertain Him when He has come unto them,—who render scant thanks for His exceeding love, and forget Him Who dwelleth in them.

Art thou one of these?

Ten lepers were cleansed by our Lord; one only returned to give Him thanks. Thy sinful body has been made clean by His Body. Art thou of the nine?

Examine thyself, O my soul; what love, what thanksgiving, does this mighty gift deserve! Lo, He dwelleth in thee; hold sweet converse with Him; present to Him all thy passions subdued to His will; offer Him thyself, to be His servant for ever. Such should be thy sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

III.

"And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the Mount of God."

CONSIDER, my soul, how Elijah, fleeing from persecution, lay down under the juniper tree; how the angel roused him to eat of the bread and to drink of

the cup mysteriously prepared; how for forty days and forty nights he trod the sands of the desert, without other food, until he reached the Mount of God.

So, my soul, for thee, wearied with the storms and persecutions of this world, God has prepared mysterious Food—the living Bread from heaven—and thou hast eaten.

And now thou hast to go forth through the desert of this world unto the Mount of God, but not like Elijah to the mount which burned with fire, to the blackness and darkness, to the voice at which Israel exceedingly feared and quaked.

But thou hast to go forth to the Mount Zion, to the City of the Living God, to the Heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant.

And in the strength of that Meat thou mayst go forth. Stronger is He That dwelleth in thee than he that is against thee. Thou wilt meet the heat of the day, but He is the rock Which giveth shelter in a weary land, and in His shade the fires of lust and strife burn not. Thou wilt meet perils by the way, but He can guard thee. O trust in Him, and when the forty days and nights—the time of thy earthly pilgrimage—is accomplished, thou wilt attain that Holy Hill and that dwelling to which His Light and His Truth now lead thee. He that endureth to the end the same shall be saved.





Sundry Eucharistic Collects.



I.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who in the midst of Thine earthly Paradise didst set the tree of life, and Who in Thy Church hast provided that the Living Bread, the Bread of Life, should be broken in plenty. Grant that this heavenly nourishment may not be unto us for judgment and condemnation, but for the preservation of our bodies and souls unto everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

O ALMIGHTY God, Who didst cause the destroying angel to spare Thy people whose door-posts were sprinkled with the blood of the Paschal Lamb, grant, of Thy mercy, that the doors of my lips, which have received the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, may be kept by Thy mighty power, that so all my words may be directed to Thy Glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

III.

O GOD, Who feedest us Thy children with the true Manna, the Living Bread from Heaven, grant, I beseech Thee, that this precious Food

may be our support throughout our earthly pilgrimage, until we reach that land where is neither hunger nor thirst, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV.

O GOD, Who through the Ministry of Thy holy angels, didst so marvellously refresh Elijah in the desert, that he went in the strength of that meat unto Horeb, the mount of God: grant unto us, whom Thou dost marvellously refresh with the Body and Blood of Thy dear Son, that we may pass safely through the temptations and trials of this desert, the world, until we come to Thy holy hill and to Thy dwelling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.

O GOD, Who hast given to us the true Bread from Heaven, that a man may eat thereof and not die; grant us, we beseech Thee, so worthily to receive It, that we may be partakers of the Resurrection unto eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

VI.

O LORD Jesus, Light unfailing, Who hast come down from Heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance, grant to us, by these Mysteries, that the eyes of our understanding being enlightened, we may know the way of life, and walk therein without stumbling; Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.



The Eucharistic Hymns.*



I.

Lauda Sion.

LAUDA, Sion Salvatorem,
Lauda Ducem et Pastorem,
In hymnis et canticis.
Quantum potes, tantum aude ;
Quia major omni laude,
Nec laudâre sufficis.

Laudis thema specialis,
Panis vivus et vitalis,
Hodie proponitur.
Quem in sacræ mensa cœnæ,
Turbæ fratrum duodenæ,
Datum non ambigitur.

Sit laus plena, sit sonora.
Sit jucunda, sit decora,
Mentis jubilatio.
Dies enim solemnis agitur,
In qua mensæ prima recolitur
Hujus institutio.

* It is thought well to give these five hymns of S. Thomas Aquinas in the Latin, as many may prefer them in the *original*, and translations are plentiful.

In hac mensa novi Regis,
Novum Pascha novæ legis,
Phase vetus terminat.
Vetustatem novitas,
Umbram fugat veritas,
Noctem lux eliminat.

Quod in cœnâ Christus gessit,
Faciendum hoc expressit,
In Sui memoriam.
Docti sacris institutis,
Panem, vinum, in salutis
Consecramus Hostiam.

Dogma datur Christianis,
Quod in Carnem transit panis,
Et vinum in Sanguinem.
Quod non capis, quod non vides,
Animosa firmat fides,
Præter rerum ordinem.

Sub diversis speciebus,
Signis tantum et non rebus,
Latent res eximiæ.
Caro cibus, Sanguis potus :
Manet tamen Christus totus,
Sub utraque specie.

A sumente non concisus,
Non confractus, non divisus,
Integer accipitur.
Sumit unus, sumunt mille ;
Quantum isti, tantum ille,
Nec sumptus consumitur.

Sumunt boni, sumunt mali :
Sorte tamen inæquali,
Vitæ vel interitus.
Mors est malis, vita bonis ;
Vide paris sumptionis,
Quam sit dispar exitus !

Fracto demum sacramento,
 Ne vacilles, sed memento,
 Tantum esse sub fragmento,
 Quantum toto tegitur.
 Nulla rei fit scissura ;
 Signi tantum fit fractura ;
 Qua nec status, nec statura,
 Signati minuitur.

Ecce panis Angelorum,
 Factus cibus viatorum
 Vere panis filiorum,
 Non mittendus canibus.
 In figuris præsignatur,
 Cum Isaac immolatur,
 Agnus Paschæ deputatur,
 Datur manna patribus.

Bone Pastor, panis vere,
 Jesu, nostri miserere ;
 Tu nos pasce, nos tuere,
 Tu nos bona fac videre,
 In terra viventium.
 Tu, Qui cuncta scis et vales,
 Qui nos pascis hic mortales,
 Tuos ibi commensales,
 Cohæredes et sodales,
 Fac sanctorum civium. Amen.

II.

Pange Lingua.

PANGE, lingua, gloriosi
 Corporis mysterium,
 Sanguinisque pretiosi
 Quem in mundi pretium
 Fructus ventris generosi
 Rex effudit gentium.

Nobis datus, nobis natus
Ex intacta Virgine,
Et in mundo conversatus,
Sparso verbi semine,
Sui moras incolatus
Miro clausit ordine.

In supremæ nocte cœnæ,
Recumbens cum fratribus,
Observata lege plene
Cibis in legalibus,
Cibum turbæ duodenæ
Se dat suis manibus.

Verbum caro, panem verum
Verbo Carnem efficit ;
Fitque Sanguis Christi merum,
Et si Sensus deficit ;
Ad firmandum cor sincerum,
Sola fides sufficit.

Tantum ergo Sacramentum
Veneremur cernui ;
Et antiquum documentum
Novo cedat ritui ;
Præstet fides supplementum
Sensuum defectui.

Genitori, Genitoque
Laus et jubilatio,
Salus, honor, virtus quoque
Sit et benedictio ;
Procedenti ab Utroque
Compar sit laudatio. Amen.

III.

Verbum Supernum.

VERBUM supernum prodiens,
Nec Patris linquens dexteram,

Ad opus Suum exiens,
 Venit ad vitæ vesperam.
 In mortem a discipulo
 Suis tradendus æmulis,
 Prius in vitæ ferculo
 Se tradidit discipulis.
 Quibus sub bina specie
 Carnem dedit et Sanguinem
 Ut duplicis substantiæ
 Totum cibaret hominem.
 Se nascens dedit socium,
 Convescens in edulium,
 Se moriens in pretium,
 Se regnans dat in præmium.

O Salutaris Hostia,
 Quæ cœli pandis ostium,
 Bella premunt hostilia,
 Da robur, fer auxilium.
 Uni trinoque Domino
 Sit sempiterna gloria,
 Qui vitam sine termino
 Nobis donet in patria. Amen.

IV.

Adoro Te supplex.

ADORO Te supplex, latens Deitas
 Quæ sub his figuris vere latitas :
 Tibi se cor meum totum subjicit,
 Quia Te contemplans totum deficit.
 Visus, tactus, gustus in Te fallitur ;
 Sed auditu solo tuto creditur.
 Credo quidquid dixit Dei Filius ;
 Nil hoc verbo Veritatis verius.

In cruce latebat sola Deitas ;
At hic latet simul et humanitas :
Ambo tamen credens atque confitens,
Peto quod petivit latro pœnitens.

Plagas sicut Thomas non intueor ;
Deum tamen meum Te confiteor.
Fac me Tibi semper magis credere,
In Te spem habere, Te diligere.

O Memoriale mortis Domini,
Panis vivus, vitam præstans homini,
Præsta meæ menti de Te vivere,
Et Te illi semper dulce sapere.

Pie Pelicane, Jesu Domine,
Me immundum munda Tuo sanguine,
Cujus una stilla salvum facere
Totum quit ab omni mundum scelere.

Jesu, Quem velatum nunc aspicio,
Oro fiat illud quod tam sitio ;
Ut Te revelata cernens facie
Visu sim beatus Tuæ Gloriæ.

V.

Ave Verum.

AVE, verum Corpus, natum
De Maria Virgine ;
Vere passum, immolatum
In Cruce pro homine ;
Cujus latus perforatum
Fluxit aqua et Sanguine :
Esto nobis prægustatum
Mortis in examine.
O Jesu dulcis, Jesu pie,
O dulcis Jesu, fili Mariæ. Amen.



SECTION V.

Penitential Devotions.





Penitential Devotions.



If He prayed Who was without sin, how much more becometh it a sinner to pray !—S. Cyprian.

God hears the heart, rather than the voice : we do more by groans than words.—S. Augustine.

God needeth not that we should be suppliants, nor loveth subjection ; this is our own advantage, and hath an eye to our profit.—Arnobius.

Prayer ascends, mercy descends.—S. Augustine.

The grace of God is fuller than prayer : God ever granteth more than we ask.

God commandeth thee to ask, and teacheth thee how to ask, and promiseth that which thou askest, and is angry if thou askest not ; and yet askest thou not ?

Prayer is the brevity of faith, the interpreter of hope.

We go to God by prayers, not by steps.

Faith pours forth prayer ; let it be poured forth in prayer.

THE PENITENTIAL PSALMS,

WITH SHORT COLLECTS CONTAINING THE SUBSTANCE
OF EACH PSALM, FROM THE PRIMER OF 1559.

ANTIPHON.—Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers ; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

PSALM VI. *Domine, ne in furore.*

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in Thine indignation: neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord, heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3 My soul also is sore troubled: but, Lord, how long wilt Thou punish me?

4 Turn Thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for Thy mercy's sake.

5 For in death no man remembereth Thee: and who will give Thee thanks in the pit?

6 I am weary of my

groaning; every night wash I my bed: and water my couch with my tears.

7 My beauty is gone for very trouble: and worn away because of all mine enemies.

8 Away from me all ye that work vanity: for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 The Lord hath heard my petition: the Lord will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be confounded, and sore vexed: they shall be turned back, and put to shame suddenly.

COLLECT.

O GOD, Who wilt come in Thy terrible and tremendous majesty, to judge the human race, have mercy upon us miserable sinners in this life, lest in the day of Thine indignation, displeasure and vengeance, we be condemned to eternal punishment. Vouchsafe also to turn Thee from the rigour of justice, to the sweetness of mercy, that Thou mayst both deliver our souls from the power of darkness, and in all our infirmities and groanings, we may be evermore defended by Thy grace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM XXXII. *Beati, quorum.*

1 BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

2 Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

3 For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

4 For Thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

5 I will acknowledge my sin unto Thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

6 I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

7 For this shall every one that is godly make his prayer unto Thee, in a time when Thou mayest be

found: but in the great waterfloods they shall not come nigh him.

8 Thou art a place to hide me in, Thou shalt preserve me from trouble: Thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance.

9 I will inform thee, and teach thee in the way wherein thou shalt go: and I will guide thee with Mine eye.

10 Be ye not like to horse and mule, which have no understanding: whose mouths must be held with bit and bridle, lest they fall upon thee.

11 Great plagues remain for the ungodly: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord, mercy embraceth him on every side.

12 Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

COLLECT.

WE beseech Thee, O Lord, to grant unto us the knowledge of Thy divine wisdom, and in Thy loving kindness to clothe us with the armour of righteousness; turn upon us the eyes of Thy grace

and mercy, who confess our iniquities, that our sins being covered with Thy pardon and clemency, and being justified with Thy saints and elect, we may rejoice with them, world without end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM XXXVIII. *Domine, ne in furore.*

1 PUT me not to rebuke,
O Lord, in Thine anger :
neither chasten me in Thy
heavy displeasure.

2 For Thine arrows
stick fast in me : and Thy
hand presseth me sore.

3 There is no health in
my flesh, because of Thy
displeasure : neither is
there any rest in my bones,
by reason of my sin.

4 For my wickednesses
are gone over my head :
and are like a sore burden,
too heavy for me to bear.

5 My wounds stink, and
are corrupt : through my
foolishness.

6 I am brought into so
great trouble and misery :
that I go mourning all the
day long.

7 For my loins are filled
with a sore disease : and
there is no whole part in
my body.

8 I am feeble, and sore

smitten : I have roared for
the very disquietness of my
heart.

9 Lord, Thou knowest
all my desire : and my
groaning is not hid from
Thee.

10 My heart panteth,
my strength hath failed
me : and the sight of mine
eyes is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my
neighbours did stand look-
ing upon my trouble : and
my kinsmen stood afar off.

12 They also that sought
after my life laid snares for
me : and they that went
about to do me evil talked
of wickedness, and ima-
gined deceit all the day
long.

13 As for me, I was like
a deaf man, and heard not :
and as one that is dumb,
who doth not open his
mouth.

14 I became even as a

man that heareth not : and in whose mouth are no reproofs.

15 For in Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust : Thou shalt answer for me, O Lord my God.

16 I have required that they, even mine enemies, should not triumph over me : for when my foot slipped, they rejoiced greatly against me.

17 And I, truly, am set in the plague : and my heaviness is ever in my sight.

18 For I will confess my

wickedness : and be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies live, and are mighty : and they that hate me wrongfully are many in number.

20 They also that reward evil for good are against me : because I follow the thing that good is.

21 Forsake me not, O Lord my God : be not Thou far from me.

22 Haste Thee to help me : O Lord God of my salvation.

COLLECT.

O LORD, rebuke us not in Thy heavy displeasure, neither condemn us with the wicked for ever, for we acknowledge our faults, and implore Thy pardon. The remembrance of our sins afflicts us, our hearts are disquieted within us, and there is no health in our flesh : Forsake us not, O Lord our God, neither take away Thy grace from us, but grant us Thy help, Thou author of our salvation, Jesus Christ, Who art blessed for evermore. Amen.

PSALM LI. *Miserere mei, Deus.*

1 HAVE mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness : according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences.

2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness : and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I acknowledge my

faults: and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against Thee only have I sinned, and done this evil in Thy sight: that Thou mightest be justified in Thy saying, and clear when Thou art judged.

5 Behold, I was shapen in wickedness: and in sin hath my mother conceived me.

6 But lo, Thou requirest truth in the inward parts: and shalt make me to understand wisdom secretly.

7 Thou shalt purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: Thou shalt wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Thou shalt make me hear of joy and gladness: that the bones which Thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Turn Thy face from my sins: and put out all my misdeeds.

10 Make me a clean heart, O God: and renew a right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from Thy presence: and take not Thy holy Spirit from me.

12 O give me the comfort of Thy help again:

and stablish me with Thy free Spirit.

13 Then shall I teach Thy ways unto the wicked: and sinners shall be converted unto Thee.

14 Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, Thou That art the God of my health: and my tongue shall sing of Thy righteousness.

15 Thou shalt open my lips, O Lord: and my mouth shall shew Thy praise.

16 For Thou desirest no sacrifice, else would I give it Thee: but Thou delightest not in burnt offerings.

17 The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, shalt Thou not despise.

18 O be favourable and gracious unto Sion: build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt Thou be pleased with the sacrifice of righteousness, with the burnt-offerings and oblations: then shall they offer young bullocks upon Thine altar.

COLLECT.

ACCORDING to Thy great mercy, O Lord, do away our offences: Cleanse us, and wash us whiter than snow from our sins, wherewith we have done evil in Thy sight. Create in us a contrite and humble heart, which Thou wilt not despise, and renew a right spirit within us, with which we may shew forth Thy praise, and strengthened by Thy free Spirit, may at length arrive in the Heavenly Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM CII. *Domine, exaudi.*

1 HEAR my prayer, O Lord: and let my crying come unto Thee.

2 Hide not Thy face from me in the time of my trouble: incline Thine ear unto me when I call; O hear me, and that right soon.

3 For my days are consumed away like smoke: and my bones are burnt up as it were a fire-brand.

4 My heart is smitten down, and withered like grass: so that I forget to eat my bread.

5 For the voice of my groaning: my bones will scarce cleave to my flesh.

6 I am become like a pelican in the wilderness and like an owl that is in the desert.

7 I have watched, and

am even as it were a sparrow: that sitteth alone upon the house-top.

8 Mine enemies revile me all the day long: and they that are mad upon me are sworn together against me.

9 For I have eaten ashes as it were bread: and mingled my drink with weeping.

10 And that because of Thine indignation and wrath: for Thou hast taken me up and cast me down.

11 My days are gone like a shadow: and I am withered like grass.

12 But Thou, O Lord, shalt endure for ever: and Thy remembrance throughout all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Sion : for it is time that Thou have mercy upon her, yea, the time is come.

14 And why ? Thy servants think upon her stones : and it pitieth them to see her in the dust.

15 The heathen shall fear Thy Name, O Lord : and all the kings of the earth Thy Majesty ;

16 When the Lord shall build up Sion : and when His glory shall appear ;

17 When He turneth Him unto the prayer of the poor destitute : and despiseth not their desire.

18 This shall be written for those that come after : and the people which shall be born shall praise the Lord.

19 For He hath looked down from His sanctuary : out of the heaven did the Lord behold the earth ;

20 That He might hear the mourning of such as are in captivity : and deliver the children appointed unto death ;

21 That they may declare the Name of the Lord in Sion : and His worship at Jerusalem ;

22 When the people are gathered together : and the kingdoms also to serve the Lord.

23 He brought down my strength in my journey : and shortened my days.

24 But I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of mine age : as for Thy years they endure throughout all generations.

25 Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth : and the heavens are the work of Thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure : they all shall wax old as doth a garment ;

27 And as a vesture shalt Thou change them, and they shall be changed : but Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail.

28 The children of Thy servants shall continue : and their seed shall stand fast in Thy sight.

COLLECT.

O KIND Saviour, open the bosom of Thy love to us, so that we may recover by penitence that heavenly inheritance, which we have lost through guilt; and grant that bringing forth fruits worthy of repentance, we may wash away those sins which we have committed; and so reverence Thy Name, that Thou mayest in the abundance of Thy mercy accept our prayers, and that we, and our seed, may attain everlasting life, through the grace and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PSALM CXXX. *De profundis.*

1 OUT of the deep have my soul doth wait for
I called unto Thee, O Him: in His word is my
Lord: Lord, hear my trust.
voice.

2 O let Thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint.
6 My soul fleeth unto
the Lord: before the
morning watch, I say, be-
fore the morning watch.

3 If Thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it?
7 O Israel, trust in the
Lord, for with the Lord
there is mercy: and with
Him is plenteous redemp-
tion.

4 For there is mercy with Thee: therefore shalt Thou be feared.
8 And He shall redeem
Israel: from all his sins.

5 I look for the Lord;

COLLECT.

FROM the deep of the heart we cry unto Thee, O Christ our Lord, to deliver us from the deep of our sins. For Thou, true God, art our propitiation, and our atonement. Regard not, therefore, our iniquities, who trust in Thy mercy, and who have been redeemed by Thy most precious Blood, O Lord our God. Amen.

PSALM CXLIII. *Domine, exaudi.*

1 HEAR my prayer, O Lord, and consider my desire: hearken unto me for Thy truth and righteousness' sake.

2 And enter not into judgment with Thy servant: for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul; he hath smitten my life down to the ground: he hath laid me in the darkness, as the men that have been long dead.

4 Therefore is my spirit vexed within me: and my heart within me is desolate.

5 Yet do I remember the time past; I muse upon all Thy works: yea, I exercise myself in the works of Thy hands.

6 I stretch forth my hands unto Thee: my soul gaspeth unto Thee as a thirsty land.

7 Hear me, O Lord, and

that soon, for my spirit waxeth faint: hide not Thy face from me, lest I be like unto them that go down into the pit.

8 O let me hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning, for in Thee is my trust: shew Thou me the way that I should walk in, for I lift up my soul unto Thee.

9 Deliver me, O Lord, from mine enemies: for I flee unto Thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do the thing that pleaseth Thee, for Thou art my God: let Thy loving Spirit lead me forth into the land of righteousness.

11 Quicken me, O Lord, for Thy Name's sake: and for Thy righteousness'sake bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And of Thy goodness slay mine enemies: and destroy all them that vex my soul; for I am Thy servant.

COLLECT.

HIDE not Thy face, O Lord, as in anger from us who truly repent and believe in Thee. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord, in

Whose sight shall no flesh living be justified. Bring, we beseech Thee, our souls out of trouble, that we may hear Thy loving-kindness betimes in the morning. Make Thy way known unto us, that walking therein we may happily attain the Heavenly country, for Thy Name's sake which is Jesus. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—Remember not, Lord, our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

PRAYER AFTER THE PENITENTIAL PSALMS.

REMEMBER not, Lord, our iniquities, nor the iniquities of our fathers, our brethren, our neighbours, or those set over us; neither take Thou vengeance of our sins.

We are worthy, alas! of the severe and continued strokes of Thy wrath: for in manifold ways, after having known the way of righteousness, have we sinned against Thee, and with obstinate minds have either rejected Thy Goodness, which continually leadeth us to repentance, or, as it were, with blind eyes and deaf ears, have passed it by. And, in like manner, have we refused to acknowledge Thy Hand when It smote us, to know the time of our visitation, and, with the people of Nineveh, to repent and with our whole heart turn to Thee, as Thou requirest, in fasting, weeping, and mourning.

But turn Thou us, O God of our salvation: pierce and wound these stony hearts with the arrow of inward grief and holy contrition, that as by our disobedience we have departed far from Thee, the Fountain of all grace, so now, at length, with a contrite and humbled heart we may return to Thee, our Supreme Good. We have deserved the severest

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Which may be used when preparing for Confession and at other times.



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punishment, and are altogether unworthy of pardon or favour ; yet, O Father of mercies, and God of all comfort, we implore Thy gracious and infinite compassion to loose the chains of our sins, to impart to us the spirit of penitence, and true conversion, and deliver us from all dangers, both in body and soul ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





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O Christ. Thou art my Creator, my Redeemer, my Governor, and my Father, my hope, my confidence, my guide, my consolation, my strength, and my deliverance, my life, and my salvation. I beseech Thee, help and defend me, strengthen and comfort me, enlighten and visit me. Raise me up, who am dead, for I am Thy work. Despise me not, O Lord: I am Thy servant, a sinner though I am. To whom shall I flee, unless I go to Thee? If Thou cast me out, who will receive me? If Thou despise me, who will regard me? Acknowledge me, then, who fly to Thee for refuge, vile and unclean though I am, for Thou canst cleanse me: though blind, Thou canst enlighten me: though sick, Thou canst heal me: though dead and buried, Thou canst quicken me: for Thy mercy is greater than my iniquity; Thy pity is greater than my impiety. Thou canst forgive more than I can commit, and spare more than I can sin. Regard not, therefore, O Lord, the multitude of my iniquities, but according to Thy compassion have mercy upon me, a most miserable sinner. Say unto my soul, I am Thy salvation, Thou Who hast said, "I would not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live." Convert me, O Lord, and be not angry with me, I entreat Thee; but graciously bring me to a good end; to true penitence, to a pure confession, and to entire amends for all my sins. Amen.

II.

The Prayer of Manasses, King of Judah, when he was holden captive in Babylon.

O LORD, Almighty God of our fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and of their righteous seed; Who hast made heaven and earth, with all the ornament thereof; Who hast bound the sea by the word of Thy commandment; Who hast shut up the deep and

sealed it by Thy terrible and glorious name; Whom all men fear, and tremble before Thy power; for the majesty of Thy glory cannot be borne, and Thine angry threatening toward sinners is insupportable; but Thy merciful promise is unmeasurable and unsearchable: for Thou art the most high Lord, of great compassion, longsuffering, very merciful, and repentest of the evils of men. Thou, O Lord, according to Thy great goodness hast appointed repentance and forgiveness to them that have sinned against Thee: and of Thine infinite mercies hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that they may be saved. Thou therefore, O Lord, That art the God of the just, hast not appointed repentance to the just, as to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, which have not sinned against Thee; but Thou hast appointed repentance unto me that am a sinner: for I have sinned above the number of the sands of the sea. My transgressions, O Lord, are multiplied: my transgressions are multiplied, and I am not worthy to behold and see the height of heaven for the multitude of mine iniquities. I am bowed down with many iron bands, that I cannot lift up mine head, neither have any release: for I have provoked Thy wrath, and done evil before Thee: I did not Thy will, neither kept I Thy commandments: I have set up abominations, and have multiplied offences. Now, therefore I bow the knee of mine heart, beseeching Thee for grace. I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, and I acknowledge mine iniquities: wherefore, I humbly beseech Thee, forgive me, O Lord, forgive me, and destroy me not with mine iniquities. Be not angry with me for ever, by reserving evil for me; neither condemn me into the lower parts of the earth. For Thou art the God, even the God of them that repent; and in me Thou wilt shew all Thy goodness: for Thou wilt save me, that am unworthy, according to Thy great mercy. Therefore I will praise Thee for ever all the days of my life: for all the powers of the

heavens do praise Thee, and Thine is the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, look down upon me, Thy unworthy servant, not as I am in myself, but through the Mediation and in the Merits of Jesus Christ, in Whom alone Thou art well pleased ; for of myself I am not worthy to come before Thee, or with my unclean lips to speak to Thee, O most holy and eternal God. For as in sin I was conceived and born, so likewise I have broken all Thy commandments by my sinful feelings, unclean thoughts, idle words, and wicked works, omitting many duties I ought to have done, and giving way to many vices which Thou hast forbidden under pain of Thy heavy displeasure. My sins, O Lord, are innumerable, so that if Thou shouldest deal with me according to my deserts, I am liable to all the miseries of this life, and to everlasting torments in that which is to come. It is of Thy mercy, which endureth for ever, and Thy unfailing compassion that I have not been long ago consumed. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord, neither be extreme to mark what I have done amiss, and wash away all my sins in that precious Blood, which my Saviour shed for me. And I beseech Thee to purify my heart, by Thy Holy Spirit, from its natural corruption : and as Thou dost add days to my life, so, good Lord, add repentance to my days, that when I have passed this mortal life, I may share in Thy everlasting Kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV.

BLESSED and holy Lord God, Who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, be merciful to me a guilty sinner, who have

long neglected my duty to Thee, and the work of my own salvation. I have provoked Thy Divine Majesty by a long course of sin, for which Thou mightest most justly have cut me off. But blessed be Thy Name for the patience and long-suffering Thou hast exercised towards me. Suffer it not to be in vain, but so convince me of the evil of my ways, that I may repent and abhor myself in dust and ashes. Do not Thou abhor me, O Lord, nor shut up Thy bowels of compassion from me; but behold me as one for whom Christ died; as a penitent, heartily grieved for my past disobedience, and earnestly desirous both of Thy pardon, and of grace to walk hereafter in holiness. Help me to renounce all my sins, even those in which I have taken most pleasure, and earnestly to endeavour to be upright and unblamable in all manner of conversation. Turn Thou me, good Lord, and so shall I be turned; turn me from all my iniquities, and make me to serve Thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. Make me truly penitent for all my past undutifulness to Thee; loose me from the bonds of my sins, and grant that denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, I may attain to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.

UPON A RELAPSE INTO SIN.

O LORD God Almighty, Sovereign of the universe, on Whom is all my dependence and all my hope, I am ashamed and blush to appear before Thee, seeing I have so highly offended Thy Divine Majesty. My conscience accuses me, my heart condemns me, and Thou, Who art greater than my heart and knowest all things, mightest justly stop Thy ears when in the anguish of my soul I cry unto Thee. I have sinned against

heavens do praise Thee, and Thine is the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

III.

ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, look down upon me, Thy unworthy servant, not as I am in myself, but through the Mediation and in the Merits of Jesus Christ, in Whom alone Thou art well pleased ; for of myself I am not worthy to come before Thee, or with my unclean lips to speak to Thee, O most holy and eternal God. For as in sin I was conceived and born, so likewise I have broken all Thy commandments by my sinful feelings, unclean thoughts, idle words, and wicked works, omitting many duties I ought to have done, and giving way to many vices which Thou hast forbidden under pain of Thy heavy displeasure. My sins, O Lord, are innumerable, so that if Thou shouldest deal with me according to my deserts, I am liable to all the miseries of this life, and to everlasting torments in that which is to come. It is of Thy mercy, which endureth for ever, and Thy unfailing compassion that I have not been long ago consumed. Enter not into judgment with Thy servant, O Lord, neither be extreme to mark what I have done amiss, and wash away all my sins in that precious Blood, which my Saviour shed for me. And I beseech Thee to purify my heart, by Thy Holy Spirit, from its natural corruption : and as Thou dost add days to my life, so, good Lord, add repentance to my days, that when I have passed this mortal life, I may share in Thy everlasting Kingdom, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV.

BLESSED and holy Lord God, Who wouldst not that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance, be merciful to me a guilty sinner, who have

long neglected my duty to Thee, and the work of my own salvation. I have provoked Thy Divine Majesty by a long course of sin, for which Thou mightest most justly have cut me off. But blessed be Thy Name for the patience and long-suffering Thou hast exercised towards me. Suffer it not to be in vain, but so convince me of the evil of my ways, that I may repent and abhor myself in dust and ashes. Do not Thou abhor me, O Lord, nor shut up Thy bowels of compassion from me ; but behold me as one for whom Christ died ; as a penitent, heartily grieved for my past disobedience, and earnestly desirous both of Thy pardon, and of grace to walk hereafter in holiness. Help me to renounce all my sins, even those in which I have taken most pleasure, and earnestly to endeavour to be upright and unblamable in all manner of conversation. Turn Thou me, good Lord, and so shall I be turned ; turn me from all my iniquities, and make me to serve Thee acceptably, with reverence and godly fear. Make me truly penitent for all my past undutifulness to Thee ; loose me from the bonds of my sins, and grant that denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, I may attain to everlasting life ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

V.

UPON A RELAPSE INTO SIN.

O LORD God Almighty, Sovereign of the universe, on Whom is all my dependence and all my hope, I am ashamed and blush to appear before Thee, seeing I have so highly offended Thy Divine Majesty. My conscience accuses me, my heart condemns me, and Thou, Who art greater than my heart and knowest all things, mightest justly stop Thy ears when in the anguish of my soul I cry unto Thee. I have sinned against

O Father of mercies, I beseech Thy fatherly loving-kindness, despise me not : but rather regard me as Thou didst regard Magdalene at the feast, Peter in the hall, the thief on the cross ; that with Peter I may bitterly weep, with the thief I may confess, with Magdalene may love, yea love much, since I have so many sins to be forgiven. Spare me, O Lord ; spare me, a penitent, at least desiring to be a penitent, and preparing thereto, recollecting my sins with grief, indignant with myself concerning them, and laying hold of Thy most bitter Passion. Spare me, O Lord, have mercy, because it is not difficult to Thy Power, nor unbefitting Thy Justice, nor unusual to Thy Goodness !

I am unworthy to call upon Thy Name, and yet relying on Thy Goodness I would return to Thee, asking for nothing but what Thou hast bestowed often and most willingly ; what unless Thou didst bestow again and again, none could stand. Have mercy, then, on me, a sinner, the greatest of sinners, and therefore needing the greatest mercy. And Thy mercy is the greatest : it reaches to the Heaven above ; it sets free from the lowest hell. Magnify Thy mercy to me : if Thou seek to glorify it infinitely, extend it to me : at no time, in no place, hath it been, will it be, more glorious in the pardon of a sinner.

To Thee, O Lord, I confess my many, great, and heinous sins, which, if I would, I cannot conceal. But I need more sorrow, for I am far from that which I ought to have. I can sin much : I cannot repent much. My dryness ! my dryness ! woe unto me ! O Lord, supply the sorrow that I have not : give me a contrite heart, unutterable groanings.

Extend Thy mercy to seventy times seven. That measure of forgiveness Thou hast enjoined to us : and wilt Thou not practise the same Thyself ? Yea, and much more : for Thy mercy surpasses ours, as far as Thyself surpassest us. Trusting, then, in Thy mercy, I say again and again, God, be merciful to me a

sinner, a most wretched sinner, the chief of sinners, O Thou, to Whom prayer can never be made without a hope of pardon.

And who will give me more to lament my sin? I would do so, were it in my power, but it is not. It is in my power to know that I ought, to wish that I did. To will is present with me, but how to perform that which is good, I find not.

Do Thou, O Lord, give me power. If Thou wilt, Thou canst. Thou canst turn even the hard rock into a pool. Give tears, a fountain of tears, to my head. Let the Heavens drop down from above, and bedew the dryness of my heart. Give me, O Lord, this grace. At least give me a dropping eye: let me not be altogether a flint. If I may not water my couch, like David, nor wash Thy Feet, like Magdalene, weep bitterly as Peter, plentifully as Jeremiah, (and yet, oh, that it might be even thus!) give, at least, one or two little tears, which Thou mayest put into Thy bottle, and write in Thy Book. Above all, give me of Thine own Tears which Thou didst shed plentifully in the days of Thy Flesh. Bestow on me from that store, for therein is superfluity for my deficiency. Amen.

A PRAYER OF S. AUGUSTINE.

[In times when tempted to despair of forgiveness.]

I HAVE sinned, O Lord, against Thee and in Thy sight. The multitude of my offences crieth for judgment against me: yet, O Lord, Thou hast promised that, where sin hath abounded, grace shall yet more abound. And Thy promise forbids me to despair, for he who despairs of pardon denies Thee to be a God of mercy. The multitude of my offences abaseth me to the dust, but the thought of Thy most pitiful Passion raiseth me; the nails and spear cry

aloud that Thou hast reconciled me by Thy Blood. The soldier opened Thy wounded Side, wherein, as in a cleft of the Rock of Ages, I hide myself from the foe and rest secure. Thou inclinest Thy head, O crucified Love, even in death as if to greet me; Thou openest Thy arms as if to embrace me. In that embrace I am willing to live, yet fain would die. Amen.

X.

THE CRY OF THE RETURNING PRODIGAL.

FATHER, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. I have ministered to my own desires and lusts, filling my belly with the husks the swine do eat, despising Thy Fatherly Love: I have dug for myself cisterns which hold no water, cisterns of earthly joys and vanities, leaving Thee, the fountain of many waters: I have sought that pleasure in creatures which is only to be found in Thee: and now behold all is vanity and vexation of spirit, for Thou hast made me for Thyself, and my heart findeth no true rest apart from Thee.

Wherefore I return to Thee, my loving Father, Whose mercy is infinite, Whose goodness knoweth no end. Therefore I cry, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son, make me as one of Thy hired servants.

O restore to me the best robe of Thy grace, which I have lost by my sins: the ring betokening Thy Love, which I forfeited for the love of the creature: the shoes wherewith I may walk in the straight path and narrow way that leadeth unto eternal life: that thus I may sit down at Thy banquet, where with Thy Son, and the Holy Spirit, Thou art unclouded light and perfect joy; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

XI.

AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF S. PETER.

TO thee O Incarnate Son, a suppliant, I return. I who have denied Thee so often by my sins. But to whom shall I go save to Thee? if Thou repellst, who will receive me? if Thou condemnest who can pardon? Fain would I never sin against Thee any more, fain would I avoid all vices [*especially . . .*]; alas! how weak I am! yet Thy strength is made perfect in weakness.

I have sinned—I have denied Thee, like Peter; fain would I weep like Peter also. Turn upon me those Eyes of Sacred Compassion, which melted his heart; and transform me also by the power of Thy Love.

Never was it known that sinner fled to Thee and was rejected—that any implored Thy mercy, and found it not.

In that mercy, greater than my iniquity, is all my hope, Thou canst, and will forgive; O that Thy sweet mercy may fill my heart with divine love—that with Peter I may cry aloud, yea Lord thou knowest that I love Thee; and may show forth that love in my life, by feeding and tending those sheep, for which Thou hast died, over whom Thou hast made me the shepherd. Amen.

XII.

AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF THE TRAVELLER WHO FELL
AMONGST THIEVES.

ALAS! miserable me; who have descended from Jerusalem, the city of peace, to Jericho the city of the world, seeking the vain delights of the world, and the seductions of the flesh: who thus have fallen into the hands of thieves, who have spoiled me of my garment of innocency, and my Baptismal robe, and have left me, half dead, in trespasses and sins.

O Good Samaritan, turn Thine eyes upon me, and have mercy upon me, wounded to death by my spiritual enemies.

Priest and Levite have passed by:—the law came by Moses, but grace and truth and forgiveness by Thee: there is none other who can stretch out a hand to the sinner save Thee.

O Lord Jesus, in Thee is my hope, Thou hast borne my sins in Thine own Body in the Tree, pour into my wounds the wine of penitence, the oil of consolation, the saving smart, the healing balm. Lead me to "the Inn," restore me to the unity of Thy Church by the ministry of reconciliation—that thus converted, I may in turn strengthen my brethren.

This shall be the rest of my soul, here will I dwell, for I have a delight therein. Amen.

A PREPARATION OF THE HEART FOR CONFESSION.

KNEEL down in silence, and bring before thy mind thy soul as after baptism thou receivedst it from thy Lord—washed, purified, and bright as a ransomed soul should be.

Is this its state now?

"Stains and spots have marred its whiteness,
Dust hath robbed it of its brightness."

Thou canst discover the stains and spots of mortal sin, but the dust of venial sin so oft repeated,—the small, the trivial particles, the passing sin in thought, word, and deed, which has incrustated thy heart so silently, and unconsciously, which has robbed thee of thy spiritual joy, this thou canst *feel* rather than comprehend.

Ask of Him grace to measure all this by the measure of His sufferings.

The voice of the sinner, A little wasted time.

The voice of Jesus, "For this I laboured three-and-thirty years."

A little slothfulness.

"For this I left Myself leisure, no, not so much as to eat."

Wandering thoughts in prayer.

"And being in an agony, I prayed yet more earnestly."

A little self-indulgence.

"For thee I hungered, thirsted, bore cold and nakedness, the scourge, the cross, the crown of thorns."

A little pride.

"One more thorn in My Crown."

A little anger.

"One more stroke of the scourge for me."

A little coldness and indifference.

"One more insult added to My bitter cup."

A little want of love to others.

"Pierced My Heart again, for I have redeemed them by My Blood."

And this sin, O Lord.

"Pierced My Hands and Feet."

And this,

"Another robe of scorn."

And this,

"Caused me that shame which none but I, the Virgin's Son, could feel.

"Alas, My child, an open enemy hath not done this, but it was even thou, who knewest the secret of My love, and thence hadst power to wound Me. What are these wounds in My Hands? Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends.

"Thus far thou mayest weigh thy sin on earth.

"But the Love against which thou hast sinned eternity alone can shew."

"O break, O break, hard heart of mine,
Thy weak self-love, thy guilty pride,
His Pilate and His Judas were;
Jesus our Love is crucified."

AFFECTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS, OR, SHORT ACTS OF CONTRITION.

FATHER, I have sinned against heaven, and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son. Oh! receive me as one of the least of Thy servants, and never suffer me to go astray from Thee any more.

It grieves me, O my good God, that I have offended Thee. I am heartily sorry for all the sins which I have committed against Thine infinite goodness. Oh! that I could worthily lament them.

Oh! that I had never offended my God! Oh! that I had never sinned! Happy those souls who have never lost their baptismal innocence! Ah! sweet Jesus, that I had been so happy!

Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness; according to the multitude of Thy mercies do away mine offences. Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse me from my sin; for I acknowledge my faults, and my sin is ever before me.

Oh! that I could now, like Magdalene, present myself at the feet of my Saviour! Oh! that I could wash them with my tears! Oh! suffer me, dear Lord, to lay down all my sins at Thy feet to be cancelled by Thy precious Blood.

Lord, Thou hast said there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repents, more than over ninety and nine just persons. Oh! give me now grace to be a true penitent indeed, that so heaven may rejoice at my conversion.

Thou camest, O my dear Redeemer, not to call the righteous but sinners to repentance; look down upon me, a poor miserable sinner, and draw me powerfully to Thee by Thy grace.

I know Thou wilt not the death of a sinner, but that he be converted and live. Oh! let me no longer remain dead in my sins! Oh! let me now at least begin to live to Thee!

Too late have I known Thee, O ancient Truth! Too late have I loved Thee, O ancient Beauty! Too long have I gone astray from Thee! From this moment, O my Sovereign Good, I desire to be for ever Thine. Oh! let nothing in life or death ever separate me from Thee any more.

I am resolved, by Thy grace, never more to return to my sins. Oh! rather let me die than offend Thee wilfully any more. I am resolved to fly all evil company and dangerous occasions, and to take proper measures for a thorough amendment of my life for the future. All this I resolve; but Thou knowest my frailty, O my God, and if Thou assist me not by Thy grace all my resolutions will prove ineffectual, and I shall be for ever miserable. Oh! look to me, O Lord, that I may never betray Thee any more.





Self-Examination.



I.

BEFORE SELF-EXAMINATION.

Veni Creator.

COME, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
And lighten with celestial Fire ;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost Thy sevenfold Gifts impart ;

Thy blessed Unction from above
Is Comfort, Life, and Fire of Love.
Enable with perpetual Light
The dulness of our blinded sight :

Anoint and cheer our soilèd face
With the abundance of Thy Grace ;
Keep far our foes, give peace at home ;
Where Thou art Guide no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
And Thee of Both, to be but One ;
That through the ages all along,
This may be our endless song ;

Praise to Thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

O GOD of holiness, Who art at all times disposed favourably to receive and to pardon a sinner, look down with an eye of mercy on one of Thy ministers coming to Thee to be cleansed from his stains in the Blood of Thy dear Son. Be Thou in my mind that I may know all my sins, in my heart that I may sincerely detest them, and in my mouth that I may truly confess them, and obtain their pardon; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O HOLY Spirit, Fountain of all Light, vouchsafe to pour Thy beams into my soul, that I may have my sins as clearly before me, as I shall see them when I stand to be judged before the Tribunal of Jesus Christ. Teach me, O holy God, both the evil I have done, and that of which I have been the occasion. Make me to see, in its full extent, my unfaithfulness in Thy service, and in the exercise of my spiritual functions. Make me to know how often and to what extent I have offended Thee, the wrong which I have done to my neighbour and to myself, my omissions of duty, and commissions of sin.

Suffer not, O God of Truth, the self-love wherewith I am possessed, to hide from me my real condition. Take away the veil which it puts before my eyes, and let nothing hinder me from knowing, and from making known to him whom Thou hast commissioned to act in Thy Name, all my guilt.

II.

O ALMIGHTY and most merciful God, Who hast made me out of nothing, and redeemed me by the Blood of Thy dear Son, receive me returning like the Prodigal to the home of my Father.

I am not worthy to be called Thy son, yet Thou willest still to be my Father; and Thou callest me by the most sweet voice of Thy dear Son our Lord to come unto Thee that I may find rest for my soul.

But I have wandered long in a strange country ; I have satisfied my appetite with the husks of carnal lusts and pleasures, and my mind, thereby darkened, prevents my making one step towards Thee without the help of Thy grace.

Assist me, therefore, by Thy Holy Spirit ; pour Thy Light into my heart ; dispel the darkness, that I may see myself as I am seen by Thee, Thou Who didst say, Let it be light, and it was light. Receive my prayer and hear my cry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O UR Father, &c.

O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed me, save me and help me, I humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

In Self-Examination consider especially these three things :

1. *Circumstances of time and place which may have aggravated each sin.*
2. *The frequency of commission.*
3. *Whether you have been accessory to or encouraged such sins in others.*





First Form of Self-Examination.



I.

DUTIES TOWARDS GOD.

Is my faith in all the truths of Christianity firm and steadfast? Is it practical? and does the recollection of those truths, and of the presence of God rule in my heart when I pray, when I labour, when I study, and when I am engaged in the functions of my office?

Have I a firm reliance on God and His Providence? Am I fully persuaded that nothing happens to us without His permission? In all my difficulties have I recourse to prayer? Do I feel that God listens to and hears us, even when He does not grant what we ask? Am not I easily discouraged in

the work of the ministry, for want of confidence in God, and from having reckoned too much on my own strength and abilities? Have I not tempted Providence in not making use of the necessary means for my own conversion, and in labouring for that of others?

Do I love God with all my heart, and above everything? Am I ready to give up everything rather than offend Him? Is there no affection within me more powerful than the love of Him? Have I not resisted the light of conscience, and the motions of grace? From what motives do I commonly act? Self-love, the

praise of men, human respect, covetousness, jealousy, &c., &c.

Does my first thought, when I awake in the morning, relate to God? How do I perform my devotions? my private prayers? the offices of the Church—Mattins and Evensong? Especially how do I prepare for the Celebration of the Holy Eucharist? Am I mindful, during the

Celebration, of the Presence of Jesus Christ and the Holy Angels, and of the fruits of the Sacrifice? In what spirit do I offer my thanksgiving? Am I content with simply repeating certain psalms or prayers, without entering into their meaning, and letting the feelings of my heart go along with the words of my mouth.

II.

DUTIES TOWARDS OTHERS.

How have I fulfilled the duties of the Sacred Ministry? Have I not been careless in the preparation of my sermons; or thought more, whilst preparing them, of obtaining a reputation for learning or eloquence or originality, than of promoting the spiritual welfare of my hearers? Have I not been negligent in catechizing, in attending to the schools, in visiting the sick and the whole, and addressing to them such counsel as they seemed to require? Have I laboured zealously

for the conversion of sinners? Have I remembered that if they were lost through my neglect, their souls would be required at my hands?

Have I not been wanting in charity in my judgments, in my conversation? Have I not given way to feelings of prejudice and aversion against certain individuals? Have I not allowed myself to be overcome by ill-temper and angry passions? Have I ever said what was not strictly true? Have I not murmured against those

who were set over me in the Lord? judged them uncharitably, and sought to inspire others with the same sentiments? Have I not given encouragement to what is wrong, by my example, my counsel, my off-hand speeches, my intimacies, my negligence in the discharge of religious duties, my general carelessness of life? How

have I fulfilled my relative duties? as a son? a brother? a husband? a father? the master of a family? Have I done what I could to provide for the temporal wants of those dependent on me, been especially careful for their spiritual necessities, —to preserve them from evil, and influence them towards what is good?

III.

DUTIES TOWARDS ONESELF.

THE greatest unhappiness we can know is to be in a state of deadly sin. What says Conscience? What would be my judgment of another whose case resembled my own?

Have I not given way to thoughts of Pride? Have I not allowed them to influence my words and actions? Has not Pride made me jealous, and caused me to say things to the disadvantage of others? Does it not render me sensitive, punctilious, and cause me to reject good advice? Have I given alms in proportion

to my means? Am I not influenced by the desire of laying up riches? Have I not been anxious to obtain some more valuable appointment, or given way to murmuring on account of my present position? Have I not indulged feelings of unlawful affection towards certain individuals? Should I like people to see in my mind, my imagination, or my heart, the feelings which God sees there? Have I not exposed myself to the danger of falling into sin, by my friendships, my visits, my reading, my

conversation, my looks, or by excess in eating or drinking? Have I not given way to idleness? Have I not lost much time in doing nothing, in going about here and there, in vain recreation, in light and profitless reading? What do my enemies say of me? What are the reproaches of my friends? If a prophet were to announce to me, as to Hezekiah, that in a short time I should die, in what spirit should I wish to have made the confession I am now preparing for?





Second Form of Self-Examination.



SINCE my last Confession have I voluntarily consented to any of these thoughts ?

Proud.	Angry with hatred.	Unbelieving.
Idle.	Revengeful.	Despairing.
Wandering in Prayer.	Suspicious with rash judgment.	Against God.
Impure.	Frivolous.	Against my neighbour.
Covetous.	Deceitful.	Dwelling with pleasure upon past sin.
Envious.	Blasphemous.	

Since my last Confession, have I spoken (with scandal or injury of my neighbour) any of these words ?

Proud.	Cursing.	Scornful.
Idle.	Reviling.	Lying.
Immodest.	Blasphemous.	Deceitful.
Derisive.	Detracting.	Flattering.
Profane.	Irreverent.	Insincere.

Since my last Confession, have I at any time sinned in these deeds ?

Have I been—

Idle ?	Intemperate in food or drink ?
Proud in dress, etc. ?	Slothful in religious duties ?
Uncharitable to the poor ?	Quarrelsome ?
Immodest ?	

Have I—

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| Neglected my pastoral duties? | Given scandal? |
| Squandered money? | Neglected Celebration (on days of obligation)? |
| Omitted my prayers? | Omitted preparation or thanksgiving before and after Celebration? |
| Neglected to say my daily Office? | Broken my fast before Celebrating without necessity? |
| Omitted acts of reverence in Public Worship? | Kept back doctrines for fear of man? |
| Recited the Service carelessly? | Not rendered canonical obedience? |
| Neglected admonition or rebuke? | Neglected schools or classes? |
| Joined in Schismatical Worship? | Neglected the sick or the poor? |
| Neglected the reading of Holy Scripture? | Talked of things told in Confession? |
| Prepared sermons carelessly? | Neglected to give my flock due opportunities of Worship? |
| Refrained from rebuking evil? | |
| Profaned Holy Days? | |
| Violated the Fasts? | |
| Injured my neighbour? | |





Third Form of Self-Examination.

FOR A SPECIAL CONFESSION DURING A RETREAT, OR
AT ANY OTHER TIME.

1. HAVE I, through faith, made a sacrifice of my reason to God, by believing firmly whatever has been held in the Catholic Church, *semper, ubique et ab omnibus*? Have I a thorough inward persuasion of the truths of Christianity? When I repeat the Creed or the Psalms, when I read Holy Scripture, or exercise any of the functions of my ministry, does my mind rise in faith towards God?

2. Have I not exposed myself to the danger of giving way to doubts concerning the Faith by associating with unbelievers? From what motive have I done this? Idleness? Self-interest, or the love of amusement? Has not such

intimacy been the occasion of scandal, by giving reason to suppose that I did not object to their sentiments or their conduct? Have I not, through weakness or the fear of man, kept silence at times when I ought to have opposed the objectionable sentiments which were expressed in my presence, or at least to have shown my disapprobation by going away? Have I not sometimes dissembled my faith, through weakness, policy, indifference, or human respect?

3. Have I an unlimited confidence in God both for time and for eternity, founded on His Promises, His Power, and His Goodness? Am I persuaded that fervent and persever-

ing prayer is never without effect? Have I not doubted of the promises made by Jesus Christ to the Church? Am I inwardly persuaded that nothing happens without God's appointment or permission?

4. Have I not been unduly cast down in sickness, persecution, opposition, or other adversity? Have I not been discouraged in view of the difficulties of the Sacred Ministry? Have I not lost sight of the help which God promises to those who pray, and put their trust in Him? Have I not despaired of the conversion of certain sinners?

5. Have I not despaired of my own conversion? Have I not resisted the grace which urges me to a better fulfilment of my duties? Have I not neglected to read books which treat of them, in order to avoid troubling my conscience? Do I feel that it depends on myself to obtain Heaven, and that God has promised to provide me with all necessary means? Have I not practically thought it was in

my own power to convert myself, and to overcome my sinful habits, without the aid of His Grace? Have I not abused His Mercy in not making "my calling and election sure?" Is there nothing on my conscience of which I have neglected to accuse myself? Have I not regarded death with presumptuous indifference? Have I not looked upon it with unreasonable fear, for want of the love of God, and trust in Him?

6. Have I reflected on His infinite Perfections in order to humble myself before Him? Do I love Him? Am I always ready to sacrifice whatever on earth I hold most dear, rather than offend Him? Does the love of the world and its pleasures hold the first place in my heart? By what motive am I animated when I preach, hear confessions, or discharge any other ecclesiastical duty? Have I a zeal for the glory of God? Have I not neglected opportunities of preventing men from sinning against Him? and again, of leading them to love and serve

Him? Have I not turned into ridicule persons who were striving to live according to His Laws? Have I not tried to appear more careless and worldly than I really am, that I might not be looked upon as precise?

7. Have I not used the holy Name of God without due reverence? or in moments of anger? Have I ever taken an unnecessary oath? Have I ever made promises without endeavouring to fulfil them? Have I ever made use of the words of Holy Scripture to give point to a jest? Have I not talked or laughed in Church as though it were an ordinary place?

8. Have I been careful to instruct those who were to receive the Sacraments or other rites of the Church in the effects which they produce, and the dispositions they require? Have I not administered them with irreverence and haste, calculated to weaken or even destroy, the faith of those present? Have I always remembered the marvellous operations effected by

Divine Grace at the moment when the Sacrament is conferred? Has any child died without Baptism through my neglect? Have I omitted to give necessary instruction on the Rite of Confirmation, and to afford timely preparation for those of my flock who were competent to receive it? Have I taken advantage of all the opportunities afforded me in the neighbourhood, for bringing them to its reception? Have I heard confessions hastily and without attention? Have I omitted to put the necessary questions for ascertaining the spiritual condition of the penitents? or have I put any which were not necessary? Have I been careful to instruct them in their duties, and sought to impress them with a deep sense of the evil of sin? Have I ever given Absolution to any who did not appear sincerely penitent, and resolved to renounce their sinful habits? Have the penances which I have assigned been in proportion to the dispositions of the guilty, and to the number

and nature of the sins they have confessed? Have they been remedial for the past, and of a tendency to preserve from future falls? Have I neglected to point out to the penitent the means which it behoved him to use for his entire conversion, and his preservation from relapse? Have I ever done anything, either directly or indirectly, which might violate the seal of Confession, or render the practice of it more distasteful? Have I ever made any difference in my behaviour to those who had confessed to me, in consequence of any thing that had come to my knowledge through their confessions? Have I been diligent in visiting the sick, instructing them in the right method of sanctifying their affliction, urging them to Repentance, and doing my best to prepare them for receiving Absolution and the Holy Communion? As their sickness increased, have I earnestly set before them the necessity of repentance, and the means thereto? Have I carefully considered the

different cases as they came before me, and adapted my ministrations accordingly?

9. Have I not celebrated, or received, the Holy Eucharist, in a conscious state of unrepented and unconfessed sin? Have I not celebrated or received It without due preparation? without devotion? without subsequent thanksgiving? and recollectedness throughout the day?

10. What were the motives which induced me to enter the Ecclesiastical state? Did I earnestly endeavour to attain the spiritual dispositions, as well as the theological learning, necessary for the due reception of Holy Orders? Have I been duly impressed with the dignity of the Priesthood, and the sublime character of the holy functions entrusted to me? Do I feel that prayer, study, a holy example, and zeal for the salvation of souls, ought to make up the life of a priest? Is my life at all more perfect than that of lay people who live in a Christian manner? Do I

remember that if a soul be lost through my fault, I am responsible for it, and thereby endanger my own salvation?

11. Have I ever been guilty of any act of injustice? Have I ever given advice to the injury of any one? Have I been careful not to incur any debts which I had not the means of discharging? Have I always scrupulously discharged whatever I had incurred? Have I neglected to return books which had been lent to me?

12. Have I sought to love my neighbour as myself? Have I not habitually acted according to my own inclination and self-interest? Have I not cherished in my heart prejudices, hatred, and desires of revenge? Have I uttered imprecations against any, and really wished that evil might happen to them?

13. Have I despised any on account of their birth, want of talents, or other natural defects? Have I turned them into ridicule, or exaggerated their faults? Have I listened

with pleasure to evil reports and calumnies? Have I given utterance to such myself? Have I not spoken ill of my enemies or persecutors, exaggerating the wrong they have done me, whilst I concealed or made light of the occasion I had given for their conduct? Have I repressed all feelings of satisfaction when they have been humbled, or brought into trouble? Have I earnestly prayed for them? Have I taken advantage of any opportunity of doing them good? Have I been careful to warn those under me of their faults? Have I patiently borne with the ignorant, the importunate, the afflicted, the scrupulous? Have I sought to reconcile individuals or families who were at variance?

14. Have I ever said what was untrue? Have I used flattery with the rich? Have I in any way encouraged them in sin? Have I ever signed the testimonials of clergymen, or candidates for Holy Orders, against my conscience? Have I given

any other testimonial which I did not know to be strictly true?

15. Have I been anxious, in my sermons, to instruct, impress, and convert my hearers? Or have I simply delivered them as a matter of course? Have I chosen those subjects which were most applicable to the circumstances of my parishioners? or have I gratified my pride by treating of points in which they were comparatively unconcerned, in a style beyond the general comprehension? Have I bestowed but little pains in the preparing of my discourses?

16. Have I prayed for my parishioners, especially for those who apply to me, and those for whom I have promised to pray? Have I gone through the offices of the Church with recollectedness, reverence, and devotion? Do not my involuntary distractions arise from some irregularity in my daily life?

17. *As Incumbent*, have I been in the habit of absenting myself from my parish without necessity?

Have I in heart and mind submitted to the laws and decisions of the Church? Have I reverently obeyed my Bishop?

As Curate, have I failed in respect and submission to my Incumbent? Have I endeavoured always to live in good understanding with him, to obtain his confidence, and to act in all things in agreement with him? Have I done anything to lessen the parishioners' confidence in him, by murmurs, complaints, or making a party? Have I listened with satisfaction to those who spoke ill of him?

As Incumbent, have I been duly mindful of the conduct of my Curate? Have I treated him with kindness and consideration? Have I opposed him, from ill-temper, caprice, or jealousy, in anything which he undertook for the good of the parish? Have I put upon him an unreasonable portion of the parochial work?

18. Have I lived in due subjection to the Civil Authorities, instilled into my people the duty of

showing them honour and reverence, and in all my political relations had simply in view the good of my country? Have I always given my vote on this principle? Have I managed and watched over my family and household, with a view to promote their eternal welfare? Have I taken due care of the children of my parish, by visiting the schools, instructing them in the Catechism, &c.

19. Have I assisted the poor according to my ability? Have I made it a point of conscience to dispense the alms of the Church, and others entrusted to me by private individuals, to the best advantage? Have I ever despised the poor, or treated them with rudeness and harshness, forgetting the preference manifested towards them by Jesus Christ? Have I taken advantage of such opportunities as presented themselves for giving them a word of religious counsel or instruction? Have I laboured for the conversion of sinners, even the most hardened? Have I

sought them out, after the example of the Good Shepherd? Have I embraced every favourable opportunity of saying to them things calculated to impress them? Have I not regarded their eternal perdition with indifference? If there are any heretics or dissenters in my parish, have I not regarded myself as free from all obligation towards them? Have I used any endeavours to bring them into the bosom of the Church?

20. When I have brought before my flock the exceeding sinfulness of sin, have the feelings of my heart gone along with the words of my mouth? Have I seriously meditated on the wrong which it does to God? on the rebellion, injustice, ingratitude, and folly, of which it consists? Have I considered its especial enormity in a priest?

21. Have I not had a higher opinion of myself than of others? Have I not sought opportunities of speaking of myself, and bringing my talents into notice? Am I not influ-

enced by self-love in the discharge of my functions? Am I not eager to obtain a higher or more conspicuous position than the one I occupy? Am I not too proud to allow my superiors or my friends to give me advice, reprove me for my faults, or acquaint me with my deficiencies? Have I not manifested pride in my behaviour to others? Have I not taken pleasure in thinking of my own performances? Have I not bestowed too much attention on my dress, or furniture? Have I sought the esteem of others by an affectation of asceticism? Have I prided myself on my family, or my connections? Have I been ashamed of the poverty or low condition of some of my relations?

22. Am I not under the influence of the love of money? Does not this cause me to forego certain things which my position seems to require? Has it led me to engage, to any undue extent, in farming, agriculture, or any other secular employment? Have I ever been con-

cerned in a lawsuit? Was it just? and if so, did I pursue my rights with moderation and forbearance? Have I not envied the lot of those who are in possession of wealth? Have I not murmured against Providence, when I have experienced losses and privations? Have I seriously meditated on the Poverty of Christ, and the lessons it teaches? Have I allowed myself to be influenced thereby?

23. Have I not been possessed by a secret feeling of jealousy against those of my brethren who excelled me in learning or talents, who were more successful in their work, or who possessed greater influence than myself? Have I not sought to lessen the esteem in which they were held, by making known their failings, or even exaggerating them? Have I not felt pleasure when any of their faults have been brought to light?

24. Have I not indulged thoughts, imaginations, and desires, contrary to purity? Have I ever been guilty of any unchaste ac-

tion? Have I diligently used the means enjoined by the Gospel to preserve myself from falling, viz., prayer, avoidance of temptation, watchfulness over my mind, my heart, and my senses, the preservation of strict modesty in my looks, words, and whole behaviour? Am not I too particular about my food? Does not this lead me to expend what might more fitly and profitably be bestowed on the poor? Have I ever given way to excess in wine or any other intoxicating liquor? Am I not liable to impatience and ill-temper? Have I not at such times allowed words to escape me which were unbecoming my character, and have caused scandal? Have I not given way to idleness, by indulging too long in sleep? Have I not often lost time in doing nothing, or in unnecessary, and perhaps unlawful recreations? Have I not devoted myself too much to studies unconnected with my spiritual duties? Am I not too much taken up with politics? Do not I spend more time than I

ought in reading newspapers, or merely secular works, which prevent me from giving myself to prayer, the care of my inner life, and the studies appropriate to my function?

25. What is my ruling passion? Have I seriously endeavoured to know it? Have I asked God to shew it me? As far as I know it, am I striving against it? Have I imposed any penance on myself in order to overcome it? What are the thoughts and affections to which I am most devoted?

26. Have I not thought that in order to be saved, and even to be a good priest, it is sufficient to avoid wilful sin? Have I not regarded habitual recollectedness, moderation, the spirit of self-mortification, and a constant aim at Christian perfection, as graces quite beyond me? Have I cultivated humility as the foundation of all virtues? Do I remember that it consists not in depreciating the graces and talents which we have received from God, but in acknowledging Him as the

sole author of them, in not allowing them to become an occasion of vanity, in being indifferent to the praise of the world, in bearing with patience its contempt, persecution, reproaches, calumny, and even turning them to our spiritual advantage?

27. Have I regularly devoted some portion of each day to prayer and devotional reading? and, besides, to the study of Theology, and the interpretation of Holy Scripture? Have I done anything to acquire the

spirit of mortification? What particular mortification have I practised, especially on Fridays, the Vigils of Festivals, in Advent and Lent? Have I sometimes repressed the desire of seeing, hearing, or knowing what was not necessary? Have I had recourse to Confession when I felt my conscience troubled with any weighty matter, or when I had especial need of counsel in consequence of spiritual languor, indifference, sloth, or insensibility?

ACT OF CONTRITION AFTER SELF-EXAMINATION.

O MOST Mighty God, and Merciful Saviour, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made, Who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but rather that he should turn from his wickedness and live, I acknowledge and bewail my manifold sins and wickedness which I have committed against Thee in *thought, word, and deed*, through my fault, my own fault, my own most grievous fault.

Since my last solemn time of Examination and Confession, I have been guilty of ——

Here stop and consider the chief motives to Contrition, viz., the evil of sin, especially in a Priest, its consequences, and the misery it brings upon us—the loss of grace, exclusion from Heaven, the torments of hell. Think especially on the goodness, power, and holiness of God, and on the sufferings and death of Jesus Christ.

But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon me a sinner ; rebuke me not in Thine indignation ; cast me not away in Thy displeasure ; for if I have done that whereby Thou mayest condemn me, Thou hast not undone that whereby Thou art wont to save.

To whom shall I fly but to Thee ? If Thou castest me out who will receive me ? Would that I had never offended Thee ! that I had ever preserved my Baptismal innocence !

But Thou hast said, " Ask and ye shall receive ; seek and ye shall find ; knock and it shall be opened." I ask for pardon ; I beseech Thee, the good Physician, to heal my sin ; I knock at the door of Thy mercy ; Lord, open to me ; my God, open to me, that I may live.

TURN Thou us, O God our Saviour. Without Thy grace I am unable to think a good thought or to entertain a holy feeling. Do Thou then grant me this grace according to my needs : impart to me a sincere repentance, that I may obtain forgiveness through Jesus Christ : make me to understand the injury I have done both to myself and others by disobeying Thy holy Law, the punishment I have deserved, and the misery to which I have exposed myself ; but, above all, make me to perceive my folly and ingratitude in forgetting Thy mercies, in provoking Thy Justice, in defying Thy Power, and in acting in opposition to all Thy infinite perfections.

O Lord, hear my prayer :
And let my cry come unto Thee.

ALmighty God, Who willest not the death of a sinner, but that he should be converted and live, favourably receive the prayers which I make unto Thee to obtain a true conversion. Thou knowest my

miseries : look with compassion on my infirmity, that I may bring forth worthy fruits of penance, and persevere for the residue of my life, in the fervent love and diligent service of Thee, that at length I may obtain the reward which Thou hast promised ; through Jesus Christ Thy Son our Lord. Amen.

FORGIVE, O Lord, all the evil which I have done, and of which I have been the occasion ; my neglect of the good which I ought to have done and have not done ; all the sins which I know, and those which I know not. Enable me to detest them, to renounce them : and do Thou mercifully grant that I may no more fall into them ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I WOULD resolve henceforth, O my God, by Thy grace carefully to avoid sin, and especially those sins to which by habit, inclination, or weakness, I have been most addicted ; and with them, those opportunities and occasions which have caused me to fall into them.

I have, indeed, grievously offended Thee, but I would hope in Thy Mercy, through the Merits and Intercession of Jesus Christ my Saviour. In this hope, O God of goodness, I present myself at Thy mercy-seat, in full assurance that on fully confessing my sins with sincerity and humility, Thou wilt confirm in Heaven the absolution which shall be pronounced over me on earth. Amen.

From Bishop Andrewes.

HAVE I penitence, grief, shame, pain, horror, weariness, for my sin ?

Do I pray, if not seven times, as David,
yet at least thrice, as Daniel ?

If not, as Solomon, at length,
 yet shortly, as the Publican ?
 If not, like Christ, the whole night,
 at least for one hour ?
 If not on the ground, and in ashes,
 at least not in my bed ?
 If not in sackcloth,
 at least not in purple and fine linen ?
 If not altogether freed from all,
 at least from immoderate desires ?
 Do I give, if not, as Zaccheus, four-fold,
 at least, as the Law commands, with the fifth
 part added ? (*Lev. v. 16.*)
 If not as the rich,
 yet as the widow ?
 If not the half,
 yet the thirtieth part ?
 If not above my power,
 yet up to my power ?

THE AGGRAVATION OF SIN.

ITS measure, its harm, its scandal,
 Its quality,
 Its iteration, how often ?
 Its continuation, how long ?
 The person, my age, condition, state, enlighten-
 ment ?
 Its manner, motive, time, place,
 Folly, ingratitude, hardness, contempt.
 Omission or defect,
 the not doing what ought to be done ;
 commission, or excess,
 the doing what ought not to be done ;
 by heart within, in thought ;
 by mouth, } without, { in word,
 by deed, } in fact.
 Against God, my neighbour, my own body.

By knowledge and by ignorance.
 Willingly and unwillingly.
 Of old and of late.
 In boyhood and youth ;
 in mature and old age.
 Things done once ;
 repeated often.
 Hidden and open.
 Things done in anger,
 or from the lust of the flesh and the world.
 Before and after my call.
 Asleep by night, and awake by day.
 Things concerning myself alone,
 and things connected with others.
 Things remembered, and things forgotten.
 Whatever I may have done wrong, from my youth
 till now ; till this moment,
 knowingly or ignorantly, within or without,
 asleep or awake,
 by words, deeds, or thoughts,
 through the fiery darts of the enemy,
 through the unclean desires of the flesh,
 I have sinned against Thee ;
 Have mercy upon me, O God, and forgive me !

ACT OF CONTRITION AFTER SELF-EXAMINATION.

How have I been drawn away by mine own lusts ?
 how have I hated reproof !
 and have not obeyed the voice of my teachers !
 Behold, O Lord,
 that fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,
 and the fear of death hath fallen upon me !
 What fear, what terror, what trembling,
 what agony, what extremity, have I yet to see !
 What confusion will seize me !
 What shades will surround me !

How terrible is Thy judgment-seat, O God !
 When the thrones are set and the angels in presence,
 and men brought in, and the books opened,
 and the works investigated,
 and the thoughts scrutinized,
 and the hidden things of darkness made known ;
 What will be judgment against me ?

Behold, O Lord,
 I adjudge myself worthy of, and amenable to,
 and guilty of,
 eternal punishment ;
 yea, and of all the straits of this world ;
 From Thee, O Lord, I have merited death from Thee.
 But yet, O Lord, to Thee, I appeal to Thee,
 the just One,
 from the Tribunal of Justice,
 to the Mercy-seat of Grace,
 Lord, save me, or I perish,
 God be merciful to me a sinner.

THE ASSURANCE OF GOD'S MERCY.

COME now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord ;
 though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white
 as snow ;
 and though they be red like crimson, they shall be
 as wool.
 In returning and rest shall ye be saved.
 And therefore will the Lord wait, that He may be
 gracious unto you.
 A bruised reed shall He not break ;
 and smoking flax shall He not quench.
 I, even I, am He That blotteth out thy transgressions
 for Mine Own Sake :
 return unto Me, for I have redeemed thee.

And even to your old age I am He,
and even to hoar hairs will I carry you.
I have made, and I will bear ;
even I will carry and will deliver you.

Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our
sorrows ;

He was wounded for our transgressions ; He was
bruises for our iniquities ; the chastisement of our
peace was upon Him ; and with His stripes we are
healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray :
we are turned every one to his own way,
and the Lord hath laid upon Him the iniquity of us
all.

And it shall be, that before they call, I will answer :
while they are yet speaking, I will hear ;

Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die ;
and not that he should return from his way and live ?

Repent, and turn yourselves from all
your transgressions ;
so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

As I live, I have no pleasure in the death of a sinner,
but that the wicked turn from his way and live :
turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways,
for why will ye die, O house of Israel ?

As for the wickedness of the wicked,
he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth
from his wickedness.

If the wicked turn from his wickedness, and do that
which is lawful and right,
he shall live thereby,

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous
man his thoughts,
and let him return unto the Lord, and He will
have mercy upon him ;
and unto our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

PRAYERS BEFORE CONFESSION.

I.

ALMIGHTY God, Who hast given power and commandment unto Thy ministers to declare to Thy people, being penitent, the forgiveness of their sins, to bind up that which is broken, and to heal that which is wounded, behold me, Thine unworthy servant, desiring to confess my sins with all sincerity to Thee, before Thine appointed minister. Grant me grace to accept of that confusion of face which belongs to me, that I may not pass over my guilt through fear or shame, but laying bare my wounds by a full and true confession, may receive the assurance of Thy forgiving mercy; through Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

O MOST Blessed Lord and Saviour, Who didst come to seek and save the lost, regard me Thine unworthy servant according to Thy great mercy, coming to lay the burden of my sins at the foot of Thy Cross; Receive me as Thou didst receive the penitent Magdalene; parden me as Thou didst pardon Peter, though he denied Thee; spare me as Thou didst spare the penitent thief; that my sins being washed away in Thy Blood, I may go and sin no more. Amen.

III.

O GOD the Holy Ghost, pour Thy bright beams of Light into my heart, that I may know the sins I have committed against Thee: and, confessing and forsaking them, may obtain mercy. And upon Thy ministering Priest pour Thy grace, that he may rightly bind up that which is broken, and heal that which is wounded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

IV.

O MY God, grant me, I humbly beseech Thee, not only a knowledge of my sins but also a deep and lively sorrow for them, such as may overcome my natural inclinations, and turn them in direct opposition to whatever sinful habits I have hitherto indulged—a sorrow which may include *all* my sins, and especially those which I am most reluctant to acknowledge and confess.

Before you go to Confession, think that you are about to seek the Absolution it is your office to bestow upon others : and that there is no such preparation for your ministerial duty, in this respect, as in your own penitence and humbling of yourself, so that healed by the medicine of Absolution, you may bid others taste and see that the Lord is gracious. Often it may be your lot to absolve those whose confessions show them far more advanced in holiness than you. Or it may be, on the other hand, that your heart is sometimes sad with the burden of others. But, in either case, how refreshing to the soul to kneel oneself at the foot of the Cross, to humble oneself with one's flock, to lay one's own burden beside theirs, and to feel that Christ, the True Absolver, is all in all, and taketh up the burden, ours and theirs.

O MY God, I whom Thou hast commissioned to absolve others in Thy Name, I come to Thee myself for that sweet assurance of pardon Thou dost bid me bestow. Behold, I lay my own burden down before Thee, knowing that it shall roll from my shoulders, as I stand beneath Thy Cross ; so that having, like Thy great Apostle, preached to others, I may not myself be cast away. Here, O Lord, I seek the medicine for my spiritual sickness, pour upon my wounds the wine and oil, the smart of true contrition, the sweet assurance of pardoning love. O most sweet Saviour, blessed is Thy Name at all times, but never

more blessed than in the pardon of a sinner. Suffer not, O Lord, Thine Own image to be defaced in me ; but renew it again in righteousness and true holiness. Behold I am the price of Thy Blood, of Thy most precious Blood ; suffer not so great a price to perish, suffer not that to be cast away, which Thou hast so dearly bought : O Lord, Thou camest down from Heaven to save the lost : suffer not that to be lost which Thou hast redeemed. There is joy in Heaven over *one* sinner that repenteth : behold, Lord, yet *one* more in me ; let there now be joy in Heaven, the Home eternal, where Thou O Saviour, art King of kings, and Lord of lords, for ever. Amen.

Here you may profitably use the Preparation of the Heart for Confession, given on p. 386.



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void the guilt of past transgressions, mercifully regard this Thy servant now beseeching forgiveness. Renew in him, most merciful Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the malice of the devil, and restore him to the unity of Thy Church by the remission of all his sins. Have pity, O Lord, upon his lamentations, have pity upon his trouble and sorrow, and since he putteth his whole trust in Thy Mercy, admit him to this Sacrament of reconciliation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or this.

O HOLY Lord! Almighty Father! Eternal God, Who dost vouchsafe to heal our wounds, behold me Thy humble Priest, and this Thy supplicant, beseech and entreat Thee, that Thou wouldst deign to incline Thine ears to our prayers, and to be moved by his confession to forgive all his sins. Bestow upon him pardon instead of punishment, joy for sorrow, life for death, that he who hath been brought into so great a hope of heavenly happiness, trusting in Thy mercy, may attain the peace which passeth knowledge; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*Sarum Encheiridion.*)

Then let the penitent make his Confession.

Penitent. I confess to God the Father Almighty, to His only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to God the Holy Ghost, and to thee, my father, before the whole company of heaven, that I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word, and deed, through my fault, through my own fault, through my own most grievous fault.

[Since my last confession] I accuse myself of having

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(Here follows the particular Confession).

FOR these and all my other sins which I cannot now call to remembrance, I am heartily sorry, purpose amendment for the future, and humbly ask pardon of God, and penance and absolution of thee, my ghostly father: therefore I pray God the Father Almighty, His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, our Lord, and God the Holy Ghost, to have mercy upon me, and thee, father, to pray to the Lord our God for me. Amen.

Here let such counsel as is necessary be given, and the penance be given and accepted, after which the Priest may say,

MAY the Almighty Lord grant thee absolution and remission of all thy sins, space for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of His Holy Spirit. Amen.

Then he shall pronounce the Absolution.

OUR Lord Jesus Christ, Who hath left power to His Church to absolve all sinners who truly repent and believe in Him, of His great mercy forgive thee thine offences:

And by His authority committed unto me, I absolve thee from all thy sins, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Then may the Priest say,

ACCEPT, O Almighty God, the confession of this Thy servant. Whatsoever is wanting in him of contrition or purpose of amendment, do Thou in Thy love and pity supply; and according to Thy love and pity vouchsafe to have him fully absolved in Heaven,

over whom the ministry of reconciliation hath been exercised on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAY the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ supply all the defects of this thy confession; may It supply to thee strength in every good work, grace to overcome all thy temptations, and perseverance until thou reach the land of everlasting life. Amen.

THE Blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon thee, and abide with thee for evermore. Amen.

Go in peace, for the Lord hath put away thy sin.





Devotions after Confession.



I.

A CCEPT, O Almighty God, this my confession, and grant that it may be well-pleasing and acceptable in Thy sight. Whatsoever has been wanting in the depth of my contrition, or the simplicity or fulness of my confession, do Thou in Thy love and pity supply, and according to that love ratify that message of forgiveness in Heaven, which Thy ministering priest hath pronounced on earth ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II.

O MOST loving Father, Who, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, hast vouchsafed to receive Thy prodigal servant, returning to Thee my Lord and my God, and hast given me the sweet assurance of Thy pardoning Love.

I thank Thee and praise Thee with my whole heart ; and beseech Thee to give me Thy grace, that I may show forth Thy praise not only with my lips, but by giving up my life to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all my days.

Relying upon Thy divine assistance, I offer and present unto Thee my body, soul, and spirit ; to be a

reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice unto Thee, beseeching Thee that I may continue Thine for ever.

Therefore, I solemnly renew my baptismal and ordination vows; I renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil; I believe all that Thou hast revealed through Thy Church and in Thy Word, and resolve, through the aid of Thy Holy Spirit, to walk in the path of Thy commandments all the days of my life. I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing, but that I can do all things through Thy dear Son. With Him, through Him, and in Him, I offer myself to Thee: for His sake accept and perfect this my sacrifice. Amen.

III.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd, Who hast given Thy life for Thy sheep, I thank Thee that Thou hast sought me wandering from the fold; I thank Thee that Thou hast brought me back upon Thy Shoulders; I thank Thee that Thou hast saved me from that enemy who goeth about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

Thou hast washed me again in Thy precious Blood; Thou hast said to me, as Thou saidst to the sick of the palsy, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee."

Mine, O Lord, is the joy, mine the eternal crown; and Thine was the suffering, Thine the Agony and the shame: Thy sacred Head was crowned with thorns; Thy Hands and Feet pierced with cruel nails, Thy sacred Side with the spear, that I might live, that Thou mightest purchase the pardon Thou hast now bestowed upon me, that by Thy stripes I might be healed.

O Crucified Saviour, suffer me never more to crucify Thee by my sins. Oh, grant that I may die unto sin

for the love of Thee, Who hast died on the Cross for me.

O Lord, I thank Thee, but I cannot thank Thee enough. Eternity alone will suffice to shew forth Thy praise.

IV.

A SHORT PRAYER AFTER CONFESSION.

Bishop Andrewes.

O MY Saviour Christ, Christ my Saviour! grant that I may die rather than again offend Thee! Christ my Saviour, O my Saviour! Lord, let a new manner of life prove that a new spirit hath descended on me: for true penitence is new life; and true praise unremitted penitence, and the observation of a perpetual sabbath from sin, its occasions, fuel, and danger. For as penitence destroys old sins, so do new sins destroy penitence.

V.

ALMIGHTY God, Who art the Judge of the living and the dead, I humbly thank Thee for Thy forgiving love. I bless and praise Thee, O my God, for having set me free from the yoke by which I was oppressed, from the weight of those sins, which I would remember with renewed sorrow. Thou didst touch my heart, and I thought upon my ways: Thou didst loosen my tongue, and I declared them to Thy priest; and by his voice Thou hast forgiven me.

Accept, O Lord, of my humble thanksgiving: and grant that I may henceforth live for Thee alone; that I may die to the world and to myself; and may for ever renounce all scenes of temptation, all dangerous intercourse, all evil inclinations, and unlawful desires. Thou knowest my weakness, and that without Thee I can do nothing.

Strengthen, therefore, I beseech Thee, whatever good resolutions Thy Grace has called up within me. Complete the work of my conversion, which Thou hast mercifully begun. Be Thou, O God, my Strength and Support against my own infirmity and corruption, and all other enemies of my salvation. Suffer no longer the devil, the world, and the flesh to rule over me; but do Thou, my Creator, reign alone in my heart. Be Thou the beginning and the end of all my thoughts, my words, and actions, of all my affections, and the impulses of my mind. Let Thy Holy Spirit excite within me those aspirations and desires which may raise my soul to Thee, that so I may serve Thee all my life with humility and faithfulness.

Thou hast promised, O Lord, to grant whatever we ask in the Name of Thy beloved Son. In His Name, therefore, do I make this petition, and for the Sake of His infinite Merits, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost for ever and ever. Amen.

Having now washed your robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, be very much on your guard against all that can defile body or soul in thought, word, or deed. Let Love be your safeguard. To whomsoever much is forgiven the same should love much. Go in peace, and sin no more. Remember that the true test of repentance is amendment. Three things, said S. Chrysostom, are necessary to penitence,—“In the heart contrition, in the mouth confession, in the life fruitfulness in well-doing.”

PRAYER OF THE PRIEST AFTER HEARING CONFESSIONS.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, accept this my ministry of service with that exceeding great love wherewith Thou didst absolve Blessed Mary Magdalene and all sinners who fled

unto Thee, and whatsoever I may have done carelessly or amiss in this ministry of Reconciliation, do Thou in Thy goodness ratify and correct, that no harm to others may ensue through my negligence. I commend to Thy love all and each who have now confessed unto me, beseeching Thee to keep them from backsliding, and after the warfare of this life to crown them with Everlasting Glory. Amen.





De Confessionum Auditione.



*The Master.**

THOU hast received the Holy Ghost, O My son, and hast been called to the office and work of a Priest in My Church, that thou mayst bind and loose, mayst remit or retain sins in My Name.

Behold, I have made thee My ambassador, an office Angels might dread to fill. What need then that thou, who art flesh, shouldst humble thyself, lest where others have fallen, thou too mayst fall!

Not the diseases which kill the body, but those which destroy both body and soul in hell, are thine to cure. How then should the lips of the physician keep knowledge!

Not the contentions of men and violations of human laws only, but those which offend My everlasting statutes, and break My commandments, are submitted to thy judgment. What need hast thou then of the guidance of the Spirit of Truth!

Thou mayst indeed seek knowledge from books, which holy men of old, moved by My Spirit, have written: but prudence, mercy, and justice, with the discerning of spirits, must be sought by fervent prayer.

Lay not up thy talent in a napkin, and omit not to exercise thy ministry through fear, lest thou share the

* Adapted in part from Arvisenet.

fate of the unprofitable servant: having the power of ministering grace, see that thou fulfil that good thing entrusted to thee through the laying on of hands.

Labour while yet it is day, ere the night of death cometh; yield not thyself to sloth, for I was in labours and sorrows from My youth, and it is good for the servant that he be as his master. Thou mayst consume years in My service, but I poured forth My precious Blood for Thee.

This labour is not indeed of joy, but of sorrow; but it afterwards yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them that are exercised thereby.

Yet they that sow in tears shall reap in joy when the lost sheep are found, and brought back rejoicing, where there is joy amongst the Angels of Heaven because the unclean are made clean, the unjust just; enemies are reconciled, and sinners brought near to God.

Thus, O My son, shalt thou be with thy sheep, at last, when I, the Great Shepherd, shall lead them forth to fountains of living waters, where the storms of earth rage not, but eternal peace endureth.

O son of Mine, to thee have I committed the flock for whom I gave My Life; neglect them not, lest at the last day they accuse thee, saying, We perished because there was none to cast us into the pool, the fountain for sin and uncleanness, the Bethesda of the heavenly Zion, the new Jerusalem.

The Disciple.

Alas, Lord, who is sufficient for these things? I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing, but that I can do all if Thou but strengthen me. Pour, therefore, into my heart the sevenfold gifts of Thy Holy Spirit, of wisdom and understanding, of counsel and ghostly strength, of knowledge and true godliness, and of Thy holy fear.

Lord, I confess that I am Thy most unworthy ser-

vant ; that Thou hast called me, a sinner, to minister unto sinners, a leper to cleanse lepers, sick to heal the sick, oppressed with the burden of my own sins to relieve others of the burden they likewise bear.

Lord, Thou hast bidden me to absolve in Thy Name, —me, a miserable sinner, far more oppressed with my load of guilt, than those who seek the grace Thou hast committed to me to dispense.

O Lord Jesus, hadst Thou not called, who would dare to run? hadst Thou not thus bidden me, how should I dare to say to my fellow-sinner, I absolve thee? but I know, O Lord, and from my heart confess, that I am indeed as clay in Thy hands, an unworthy vessel, although filled with Thy power; needing myself the abundance of Thy mercy, lest after ministering to others, I myself should become a castaway.

O Lord and Master, Saviour of sinners, look upon me in Thy mercy, strengthen me with Thy grace, and make me to feel that there is none other name given under Heaven whereby we must be saved, but Thine, O Friend of sinners, of whom I am chief.

The Master.

Be of good cheer, My son ; come unto Me, for thou art weary and heavy laden. I will give thee strength to labour, I will crown My own grace, where My redeemed sing the new song of redemption through My Blood ; labour for one moment, and I will reward that labour with eternal joy.





De Sacramento Pœnitentiæ.



*The following instructions, taken from the Latin Ritual, are so much to the point, and sum up in so brief a compass all that is most necessary for Confessors to know and to observe, that the compilers make no apology for presenting them to their brethren. They are given in their original form, lest they should suffer through translation.**

I.

Ut sanctum Pœnitentiæ Sacramentum ad eos qui post baptismum lapsi sunt, in gratiam Dei restituendos a Christo Domino institutum, rite administretur ; imprimis meminerit Confessarius se judicis pariter et medici personam sustinere, atque adeo, ut recte judicare queat, discernens inter lepram et lepram, et tanquam peritus medicus animarum morbos prudenter curare, et apta cuique remedia applicare sciat, quantam potest maximam ad id scientiam atque prudentiam, tum assiduis ad Deum precibus, tum ex probatis auctoribus, studeat sibi comparare.

II.

Ad audiendam confessionem vocatus, promptum facilemque se præbeat : ac priusquam ad audiendum

* Original edition.

accedat, si tempus suppetat, ad hoc ministerium recte sancteque obeundum Divinum Auxillum piis precibus implorabit.

III.

In ecclesiis, non autem in privatis ædibus confessiones audiat, nisi ex causa rationabili, quæ cum inciderit, studeat tamen id decenti et patenti loco præstare.

IV.

Si pœnitens ignotus sit, de illius statu inquirat; et quampridem sit confessus; et an impositam pœnitentiam adimpleverit. Item num rite atque integre alias confessus fuerit; num in doctrina Christiana bene sit institutus; num conscientiam suam, ut debet, prius diligenter discusserit? Sed hæc et similia, in fine potius confessionis, quam in initio, plerumque interrogare expediet.

V.

Si deprehenderit pœnitentem ignorare Christianæ fidei rudimenta; si tempus suppetat, eum breviter instruat de articulis fidei, et aliis ad salutem cognitu necessariis, et ignorantiam ejus corripiat, illumque admoneat ut ea postmodum diligentius addiscat.

VI.

Audiat patienter, confitentem, et adjuvet quotiescumque opus fuerit, nec unquam interpellat, nisi opus fuerit aliquid melius intelligere. Sed fiduciam ei præbeat et humaniter suggerat, ut omnia peccata sua rite et integre confiteatur, remota stulta illa quorundam verecundia, qua præpediti, suadente diabolo, peccata sua confiteri non audent.

VII.

Si pœnitens numerum et species et circumstantias peccatorum explicatu necessarias non expresserit, eum sacerdos prudenter interroget. Et si attentis personæ circumstantiis, rationabiliter metuat aut dubitet, ne forte, non sit integra ejus confessio, de illis prudenter examinet, quæ a pœnitente suspicatur reticeri; præsertim de peccatis sui status; maxime si de illis nullatenus se accuset.

VIII.

Sed caveat ne curiosis aut inutilibus interrogationibus quemquam detineat, præsertim juniores utriusque sexus, aut de iis quæ ignorant imprudentur interroget, ne scandalum patiantur, indeque peccare discant.

IX.

Demum audita confessione, pro peccatorum gravitate et qualitate, ac pœnitentis conditione, opportunas correptiones ac monitiones, prout opus esse viderit, paterna charitate adhibebit, et ad dolorem ac contritionem efficacibus verbis adducere conabitur, atque ad vitam emendandam, ac melius instituendam inducet, remediaque peccatorum tradet.

X.

Postremo salutarem et convenientem satisfactionem, quantum spiritus et prudentia suggesserit, injungat, habita ratione status, conditionis, sexus, ætatis et etiam dispositionis pœnitentium. Videatque ne pro peccatis gravibus levissimas pœnitentias imponat, ne si forte peccatis conniveat, alienorum peccatorum particeps efficiatur. Id vero ante oculos habeat, ut satisfactio non sit tantum ad novæ vitæ custodiam, et infirmitatis medicamentum, sed etiam ad præteritorum peccatorum castigationem.

XI.

Curet autem quantum fieri potest ut contrarias peccatis pœnitentias injungat; veluti avaris eleemosynas, libidinosi jejunia, et alias carnis afflictiones, superbis humilitatis officia, desidiosis devotionis studia. Ea denique singulis præscribat, quibus eos sperat a peccatis suis efficaciter retrahendos; præsertim vero orationis, præcipue mentalis, et lectionis sacræ quotidianum exercitium, et sacramentorum dignam frequentationem. Cæterum pro peccatis occultis, quantumvis gravibus, manifestam pœnitentiam nunquam imponat.

XII.

Videat autem diligenter Sacerdos, quando, et quibus conferenda vel neganda, vel differenda sit absolutio; ut rite dispositis regulariter conferat; deneget indispositis: quales censendi sunt qui nulla dant signa doloris, qui odia et inimicitias deponere, aut aliena, si possunt, restituere, aut proximam peccandi occasionem deserere, aut alio modo peccata derelinquere, et vitam in melius emendare, nolunt: aut qui publicum scandalum dederunt, nisi publice satisfaciant, et scandalum tollant.

XIII.

Inter dubie dispositos etiam consuetudinarii communiter numerandi sunt; quibus proinde extra casum necessitatis, absque notabili emendatione, absolutio communiter impendenda non est: præsertim si fidem antea datam non semel fefellerint.

XIV.

Meminerit porro sacerdos ægris non esse injungendam gravem aut laboriosam pœnitentiam, sed indicen-

dam tantum illam, quam, si convaluerint, opportuno tempore peragant. Interim juxta gravitatem morbi, aliqua oratione, aut levi satisfactione imposita, et acceptata, absolvantur, prout opus fuerit.

XV.

Denique præter bonitatem, scientiam atque prudentiam in confessione requisitam, necessarium quoque est ut sigillum secretæ confessionis sub exacto perpetuoque silentio inviolatum conservet; atque adeo nihil unquam dicat vel faciat, quod vel directe vel indirecte tendat ad revelationem alicujus peccati, vel defectus ex sola confessione cogniti. Sed neque scientia et confessione acquisita unquam uti præsumat, cum gravamine pœnitentis vel ejus periculo: neque de peccatis in confessione auditis, ne generaliter quidem loquatur, nisi postulet necessitas; et tunc discrete et cum magna prudentia, ut nulla de personis vel levis oriri possit suspicio; nec unquam coram laicis, ne forte scandalum patiantur.





SECTION VI.



→* Meditation.*←





Meditation.



Let the words of my' mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be alway acceptable in Thy sight : O Lord, my strength, and my Redeemer.

MEDITATION, which some call Mental Prayer, is the solemn consideration of things divine ; which bears its fruit in the Love of God ; the hatred of sin ; and the contempt of the vain and transitory pleasures of this world.

In this exercise Christ with his Apostles passed sleepless nights in the deserts, and on the mountains : thus the Blessed Virgin pondered in her heart the sayings of her Divine Son : thus the great Apostle of the Gentiles prepared for his mighty work in the deserts of Arabia (Gal. i. 17), and thus after his example, Jerome, Chrysostom, Benedict, and Bernard, attained to lives of heroic sanctity.

We meditate in many ways, without the formal meditation here proposed ; when our hearts rise in praise, as we contemplate the Glory of God in His works ; when we read slowly a spiritual book, with pious affections and practical resolutions ; when we contemplate with true devotion and love the image of the Crucified, or remain speechless but rapt in the presence of the Holy Eucharist : when perchance we linger in the churchyard, and contemplate death—the

end of all mortal things, with its solemn results for good or evil : when we examine our conscience for confession, detesting our sins, and forming resolutions of amendment : when we pause and apply to our own case each petition of the Pater Noster, or dwell on each article of the Creed : without such habitual meditation the spiritual life could not be sustained, nor our salvation secured.

But it is our purpose to speak of more formal meditation. Of such meditation there are four parts : (1) The Preparation ; (2) The Representation ; (3) The Consideration ; (4) The Colloquy, or Petition.

I. *The Preparation* should be twofold : remote and immediate. The Remote is (1) to read over, the day before, the matter for Meditation : (2) to recall it as soon as thou awakest in the morning : (3) to exclude all worldly thoughts and cares :—for meditation demands a quiet and tranquil mind. *The Immediate* is in beginning the meditation (1) to fortify thyself by the Holy Sign : (2) to place thyself in God's presence by an act of faith and adoration : (3) to say the Confiteor humbly as an act to cleanse the heart from sin, since that is the great obstacle to communion with God : (4) to implore the aid of the Holy Spirit by the recitation of the *Veni Creator*, or otherwise : (5) to persuade thyself firmly that thou art about to appear in the presence-chamber of God,—before whom the angels sing "Holy, Holy, Holy," with adoring awe : (6) to seek grace from God to refer all thine actions to Him.—Psalm xix. 14.

II. *The Representation* is that whereby, before the consideration of the several points of the meditation, thou placest before thine eyes the place, the persons, and their actions, in the mystery thou hast chosen. Thus if thou meditatest upon the Passion, imagine that thou beholdest Calvary, Christ on His Cross, the crowd around, the Blessed Mother and S. John as depicted in sacred pictures. Similarly if thou meditatest upon Death, figure thyself as thou wilt be when laid

out by pious hands in preparation for the grave. In such representation thou must not tarry long, only till thou art moved to love, sorrow, or penitence; and if the material of the meditation be such that there be no surroundings to picture, thou mayst pass immediately to the —

III. *Consideration.** This is an operation of the intellect, by which thou must dwell upon all the points contained in each division of thy subject,—with the desire of drawing spiritual fruit from thence. For example, if thou meditatest on the Passion, thou must consider (1) Who it is that suffers—the Lord of Heaven and Earth; (2) For whom He suffers—for thee a vile and ungrateful creature: (3) For what cause—that He may deliver thee from damnation. On each of these points thou wilt dwell, until thy soul be moved (1) to awe, (2) to wonder, (3) to gratitude, and (4) to love.

IV. *Colloquy, or Petition.** When thou hast thoroughly meditated on that which is contained in each point, and hast moved thyself to love, sorrow, or other affection, it will easily occur to thee what fruit thou shouldst draw from this meditation. Ordinarily thou mayst seek from God greater light to know thyself; or the remission of sin; or sorrow for the same; or calmness of spirit amidst the world's distraction; progress in wisdom and understanding, and finally the especial graces thou chiefly needest.

Concerning Helps to Meditating Profitably.†

1. THE first is a fitting place, remote from noise and distraction, the better if the light be obscure.

2. A fixed and certain time, which without just cause should never be infringed upon. The hour most apt

* These two heads are often so mingled, as in some of the following meditations, that it is not easy nor indeed desirable to distinguish them in point of time.

is in the early morn, before the duties of the day begin. It should occupy, if possible, half an hour, certainly not less than a quarter of an hour.

3. A modest and devout position of body, as on bended knees. If, however, this wearies thee, stand, but so that thou mayst return again to thy former position. It is becoming also, after the example of Christ (S. Mark xiii. 35), if moved by the consideration of thy subject, to meditate with thy body prostrate on the earth for a brief space. But let that position be assumed which is found most profitable.

4. If in any point thou feelest that thou art vehemently moved in spirit, do not pass at once to another, but delay therein some time until thou hast satisfied thy spiritual appetite; and if the time thou hast to give to meditation has expired before thou hast completed thy subject, be not anxious to pass to the other points, but dwell upon that in which thou hast felt spiritual savour. Thou mayst pursue it on the next occasion, and complete the consideration of the subject. The Colloquy, or Petition, will probably be varied.

5. Since the power of a meditation is rather over the affection than the intellect, thou shouldst understand that the effect ought ordinarily to be so slight that it may be the longer continued, without strain upon the body.

6. But if God sometimes sends to thee vehement affection of the spirit, e.g., so that tears flow, humbly receive it as from Him. and continue so long as God gives grace. But this ought not to be of frequent occurrence, at least not of thine own will, lest the body suffer. But this affection profits much in certain cases. (i.) In a general confession, exciting to perfect contrition: (ii.) In grave temptation: (iii.) After seasons of spiritual coldness and depression: (iv.) Before any great undertaking to the glory of God.

7. But if it happen to thee, whilst thou meditatest to be deprived of all savour and solace, do not therefore

despond. If it has happened by thy fault, because thou hast rushed unprepared into meditation, humble thyself, acknowledge thy fault, and serenity will follow. But if it be not thy fault, think it permitted by God, either that thou mayst learn savour and solace not to be of ourselves but of His gift, or that God may prove whether thou undertakest this duty from a pure love, or from a mere desire of spiritual consolation. So in time of desolation, say "I have not begun this meditation for my own solace, but from the pure love of God, which duty for His sake may I perfect and accomplish."

8. But if thou art agitated by many distractions, do not therefore break off thy meditation, but consider if they come unwillingly, that thou hast not sinned; *only* when thou perceivest thy mind to wander, recall thy thoughts, and resist the foe how often soever he return: for thy meditation shall not be on this account the less pleasing to Almighty God, than if thou hadst accomplished it with great devotion. It profits in this kind of fight, to leap at once to the colloquy, and submissively to acknowledge that thou hast no power of thine own; or to accuse thine own slothfulness, and forthwith thou shalt find aid divine.

9. Finally, it avails not little to fruitful meditation, if thou rememberest that God is ever present in all thy actions: if frequently through the day thou usest ejaculatory prayer, if often thou readest spiritual books, if frequently with pure conscience thou celebratest the Divine Mysteries; if thou restrainest thine external senses, especially the temper; if thou lovest the exercise of charity, and good works; if thou turnest the good thoughts and resolutions of meditation into deeds of love and devotion.



A BRIEF PREPARATION FOR MEDITATION, AS SUGGESTED ABOVE.

1. *Place thyself in God's presence by an act of faith and adoration.*

✠ O MY God, I firmly believe that Thou art here present, that Thou knowest the most secret thoughts of my heart, and the inmost desires of my soul. I confess that I am unworthy to raise my eyes to Thee, yet I beseech Thee, for the sake of Thy dear Son, to grant me the aid of Thine Holy Spirit, that the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, may alway be acceptable in Thy sight; O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.

2. *Say the Confiteor humbly, to cleanse the heart from sin, since that is the great obstacle to communion with God.*

3. *Implore the aid of the Holy Ghost.*

Veni, Sancte Spiritus.

VENI, Sancte Spiritus,
Et emitte cœlitus
Lucis Tuxæ radium.
Veni, Pater pauperum,
Veni, dator munerum,
Veni, lumen cordium.

Consolator optime,
Dulcis hospes animæ,
Dulce refrigerium.
In labore requies,
In æstu temperies,
In fletu solatium.

O Lux beatissima
Repis cordis intima
Tuorum fidelium.
Sine Tuo numine,
Nihil est in homine,
Nihil est innoxium.

COME, Thou Holy Spirit, come ;
And from Thy celestial home,
Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, Thou Father of the poor ;
Come with treasures that endure ;
Come, Thou light of all that live.

Thou of all Consolers best ;
Thou the soul's most welcome guest ;
Sweet Refreshment here below.
In our labour rest most sweet ;
Shelter from the noon-tide heat :
Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light Divine,
Visit then these hearts of Thine
And our inmost being fill.
If Thou take Thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man may stay,
Nought is free from taint of ill.

Lava quod est sordidum,
 Riga quod est aridum,
 Sana quod est saucium.
 Flecte quod est rigidum,
 Fove quod est frigidum,
 Rege quod est devium.

Da Tuis fidelibus
 In te confidentibus
 Sacrum septenarium.
 Da virtutis meritum,
 Da salutis exitum,
 Da perenne gaudium.
 Amen.

Heal our wounds our strength renew,
 On our dryness pour Thy dew,
 Wash the stains of guilt away.
 Bend the stubborn heart and will,
 Melt the frozen, warm the chill,
 Guide the steps that go astray.

On the Faithful who adore,
 And confess Thee evermore,
 In Thy sevenfold gifts descend.
 Give them virtue's sure reward,
 Give them Thy salvation, Lord,
 Give them joys that never end.
 Amen.

Representation : Consideration : Colloquy.

Anima Christi (p. 310).

OUR Father, &c.

I BELIEVE, &c.

CONCLUSION.

RECEIVE, O Lord, the oblation of my whole will,
 my memory, and my intellect.

Whatsoever I have or possess Thou hast given me :
 I restore it to Thee, and deliver it to be fashioned and
 governed according to Thy Blessed Will, this day and
 henceforth for ever.

Grant me Thy Love alone with Thy grace, and I
 shall be rich, neither crave I any other boon. Amen.

*Examples will now be given of the mode of meditating on passages of Scripture ; only since the written words are not necessarily the expressions of thine own heart, it will be far better to meditate without any such aids. These will but serve as examples for thine own imitation,—in thine own words,—and with thine own thoughts, wishes, prayers, and resolutions.**

I. THE LAST JUDGMENT.

" When the Son of man shall come in His glory, and all the Holy Angels with Him, then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory."

I. *Representation.*—Behold Him as thy judge, my soul, Who has been thy Advocate with the Father, Him Whom they pierced on the Cross, Him Whom thou hast pierced by thy sins. All nations are gathered before Him, the righteous as sheep on the right hand, the sinners as goats on the left. In those what joy is diffused ; amongst these what terror. Who are the former ? They who, like sheep, amidst great tribulation, have followed the voice of their Shepherd. Who are the latter ? They who, like goats, have followed their own heart's lusts. O my God, crucify in me the Flesh here, that I may be found then at Thy right hand.

II. *Consideration.*—" *Then shall the King say unto them on His right hand, Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*" Firstly, He calls the Good to their eternal reward, before He condemns the Wicked, for He is ever more ready to spare than to punish. Of His own free will

* To such as feel the need of matter for Meditations, the Editor would warmly recommend "*Avancini de vita et doctrina Jesu Christi ex quatuor evangelistis collecta et in Meditationum materiam ad singulos totius anni dies distributa ;*" from which work some of these meditations are taken.

He spares, according to His mercy, but the death of the Wicked is of themselves; for He hath said, "*As I live, I desire not the death of the Wicked.*" Of what ineffable love is His mercy to His sheep! Wouldst thou hear that most sweet invitation? Thou must live in His fear now, and bring forth worthy fruits of His grace. Hear His words: "*I was an hungred, and ye gave Me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave Me drink; sick and in prison, and ye visited Me.*" Whatsoever thou shalt do, my soul, for love of Him, to the least of His brethren, he counteth it done unto Him. Love is the fulfilment of the law. Know that thou hast passed from death unto life, if thou lovest the brethren.

III. "*Then shall He say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from Me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the Devil and his angels.*" What words of Divine wrath to the sinner, "Depart from Me!" To want God for ever; to thirst for Him with the knowledge, now revealed, of His beauty, yet ever to thirst in vain! In eternal fire, which shall never be quenched, prepared by God indeed for the devils, but by the wicked for themselves! And wherefore? Because they neither loved God nor their neighbour, gave neither food to the hungry, nor drink to the thirsty, but lived for themselves, even as Dives in the Parable.

Colloquy.—O my God, here purify me with the fire of Thy love; here chasten me as a son: but in the long hereafter, spare Thy servant, who putteth his trust in Thee. Amen.

II. CHRISTMAS.

"*Let us now go even unto Bethlehem.*"

I. Represent to thyself, O my soul, the stable at Bethlehem on the first Christmas night. It is just after midnight: there is dread silence around; the very earth seems hushed; the ox and the ass stand motionless; Joseph and Mary, with clasped hands, gaze upon that manger. Gaze with them.

II. It is a little infant, and that infant is Almighty God; those little lips, scarcely able to raise the feeble cry, will speak the doom of mankind. This is the Eternal Son—one with the Father and the Holy Ghost. This is He by Whom the inhospitable world, which now receives Him, was framed. In that infant hand sleeps the strength which upholds the planets in their swift courses.

III. Consider Him as revealed to the angels: as it is written, "*Let all the angels of God worship Him.*" They, the firstborn of God, stand in speechless wonder as they behold His poverty, His patient endurance of earthly ill. Yet not for them but for thee does Christ endure the narrow and hard manger; born without the gate, He shall die without it, bearing thy reproach. O my soul, learn humility from Bethlehem.

IV. Consider Him as revealed to the shepherds, simple men and humble, guarding their flocks, and ready to receive the Divine message, even as thou, guarding the gifts and graces entrusted to thee by God, from the roaring lion, even Satan, mayest learn the meaning of those words, "*Blessed is that servant whom his Lord, when He cometh, shall find so doing.*"

Colloquy.—*Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and gaze with the shepherds.*

See how the Godhead is hidden in the manhood; so pray that thy life may be hid with Him in God.

See how He lies in the narrow and hard manger; so pray that thou mayest run in the narrow and straight path of His commandments.

See how He is rejected of men in His birth; so be thou content to bear shame for His dear Name.

O Jesu, Babe of Bethlehem, I adore Thee.

III. EPIPHANY.

Gospel for the Day.

I. *Representation.*—Draw a mental picture of the wise men, gazing at the stars, the appearance of the Star

of Bethlehem, the journey across the desert, the arrival at Jerusalem, the enquiries there, the arrival at Bethlehem, the adoration.

II. *Consideration*.—Not only three, but perchance many others saw this star, only these three followed, "*Many are called, few chosen.*" What lights of Divine Inspiration hath God sent thee?—how far hast thou followed? Grieve, fear, pray, and study to "*make thy calling and election sure.*"

"*We have seen*"—that they might see God gave the star: because they came He added more:—"grace for grace"—"*See that thou receive not the grace of God in vain.*"

"*And have come.*" Between the sight and the coming nothing is allowed to interpose; they obeyed God immediately, not drawn back by the example of so many, whom the cares of home, the affection of friends, their goods and chattels retain in their own land. Learn not to procrastinate—"Let us lay aside every weight and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus."

They are not ignorant of the dangers and toils of the way—perchance they even exaggerate them in their minds, yet they come—this spirit of ghostly strength is ever essential to those who would come to Jesus:—for they will never want their foes,—temporal and spiritual; the way will still be straight, the gate narrow. They undertake the journey—called, whither they know not, they commit themselves to God. "*Commit thy way unto Him, and He shall direct thy path.*" That fidelity merited the guiding star, for within them shone yet a clearer light—"The Sun of Righteousness with healing in His Wings."

Where the path of duty calls thee, go forward, blindly if necessary; trust Him; He Who gives the will, will give the power.

Consider the journey with that star guiding them—what desire! and what thanks to God the Guider! what patience in adversity!

Be ashamed, O my soul, that thou with such light,

such knowledge, should care so little for Him, thank Him so little, love Him so little, be so impatient in adversity.

Consider where do they find Him? not in Herod's palace, but in a stable! surrounded but by poor and lowly parents: they abhor not the filth of that stable; the poverty of those parents; the infirmity of that Child; but enlightened from above, they acknowledge Him as God.

III. *Colloquy*.—O my soul, pray for such living Faith—when in His Sacramental presence thy Faith faileth, think of those who doubted not to acknowledge the poor Infant, cradled in a manger, as God: "*Verily Thou art a God That hidest Thyself.*" Shepherd of the Faithful! Jesus, hear my cry. Lord, increase my faith.

They present unto Him gold, for He is a King; so learn to honour Him with thy worldly substance, to know that He is thy King, and all that thou hast is His.

They present unto Him frankincense, for He is God, and incense befits the worship of God. See that thou render Him the sweet incense of prayer and adoration. "*Let my prayer be set forth in Thy sight as the incense,*" and let my evening sacrifice be the oblation of my soul and body in Thy service.

They present unto Him myrrh, for He is a man and must die. Thank Him, O my soul, for His sufferings for thee. Consider that thy sufferings may be hallowed by union with His most precious woes, and pray for grace to bear all for Him. So shall "*thy light affliction, which is but for a moment, work for thee a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*"

IV. LENT.

"*And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, He was afterward an hungred.*"

I. *Representation*.—Behold, my soul, thy Lord in the wilderness. Around Him stretches one unbroken waste

of sand ; there is no shade to hide the rays of the sun by day, or the chilling moonbeams by night ; there is no earthly aid near ; the prowling beasts of the desert His only companions. For forty days He has endured the mortification of the flesh through His Divine power, and now He hungers. The apostate angel is near, Lucifer, son of the morning. He speaks :

II. *Consideration and Colloquy.*—" *Command that these stones be made bread.*" Could there be harm in thus using His power ? My soul, He never used His miraculous power for Himself, only for thee ; and now He would teach thee, in all thy necessities, to depend simply upon thine Heavenly Father. So He would teach thee to deny the cravings of the flesh, to mortify thy desires, while thou dependest upon the aid of God. Hear His reply : "*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*" O God, grant me entire dependence upon Thee. Thou hast provided, and Thou wilt provide. Teach me, O Lord, to mortify all the desires of my flesh, which lusteth against the Spirit.

III. "*If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down.*" The fallen angel places Him on the Pinnacle of the Temple ; the multitude of worshippers throng the courts : surely, if He now descends unharmed amongst them, they will own Him as the Messiah. Again He conquers, for the temptation was to yield to pride and impatience,—to presume upon a promise which only assures us of protection in the ways wherein we should walk. Learn, my soul, to await God's time, not to tempt Him by presumption ; to be content to be lowly here, that He may exalt thee in due time. Pray for humility.

IV. "*All these things will I give Thee, if Thou wilt fall down and worship me.*" Again the scene changes, and the devil places Him on the high mountain, that He may see all the glory of this world, and promises to give it to Him if He will but worship him, as if the

kingdoms of this world could thus become "*the kingdoms of the Lord and of His Christ.*" Once more the fiend is foiled,—the temptation of the world overcome. "*It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God.*" *Get thee hence, Satan.*

O Lord Jesus, glorious Conqueror of sin and death, Thou Who wast tempted, help me thus to conquer the world, the flesh, and the devil, For what shall it profit me to gain the whole world, and lose my own soul. But help me, O Lord, Who didst say to Thine Apostles, "*Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.*"

V. PALM SUNDAY.

"And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it."

I. *Representation.*—Our Lord and His disciples are descending the slope of the Mount of Olives; the valley traversed by the brook Cedron lies beneath; and Jerusalem in all its beauty, with the Temple in the foreground, crowns the opposite hill. The multitude throng before them, bearing branches of palm and olive, rendering the air with the cry, "*Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the Highest.*"

II. *Consideration and Colloquy.*—"And seeing the city He wept over it." Why does He weep amidst the applause of the multitude? He sees Jerusalem, and sees it as a figure of the whole world. He sees all sins, even thine, my soul. He sees the fruit of His Passion wasted upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem—a type alas! of multitudes, because they will not be saved. He could as God save absolutely, but He wills that we should co-operate with His grace. We shall perish if we use it not. Without thine own *Will*, the grace of God will not remain with thee.

III. "*If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day.*" He indicates the cause of His weeping, the blindness of those who know not in Him the promised

Messiah, from which root of ignorance spring envy, hatred, and every evil. Thus the devil labours that he may cast blindness upon our hearts, so that we may not know *the goodness and long-suffering of God, which continually lead us to repentance*, or the evil of sin which destroys the soul. Labour, therefore, while it is yet *thy day*, O my soul, "*for the night cometh wherein no man can work.*"

IV. "*For the days shall come upon thee that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee.*" He predicts the future destruction of the guilty city by the Romans, on account of their sins against Him. Sin is the source of suffering, and the cause of the wrath of an angry God. In these words, O my soul, see a figure of the misery of a death-bed which closes a wasted life. The enemy, even the evil one, will cast a trench around, closing up each avenue which may lead to repentance, blinding the darkening sight, and stupifying the spiritual senses, cutting off all supplies of grace, until the city, even the soul of man, falls beneath their repeated assaults, and that because it knew not the time of its visitation. "*So teach us to number our days, that we may incline our hearts unto wisdom.*"

VI. GOOD FRIDAY.

"*But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced His side, and forthwith came thereout blood and water.*"

I. Represent to thyself, my soul, the body of thy crucified Redeemer hanging upon the Cross; pain and grief have done their worst; His sacred heart has broken beneath the weight of thy sins: the soldiers approach, one of them pierces His side, and lo, blood and water flow from that sacred fountain.

II. *Consideration.*—When Adam lay in sleep, Eve was formed from his side; when the Redeemer slept the sleep of death, the Church, His Bride, derived from His sacred Side the principle of her life. For that water

prefigured the water of Baptism whereby we are new-born in Him ; that blood the Chalice which is His blood of the New Testament, shed for many for the remission of sins.

O my soul, consider the *price* of thy salvation ; thou hast been born anew through that water, thou hast been nourished by that Blood ; consider the cost, mark well the price, for as thou gazest on those wounds thou mayst well say, here my pride pierced, here my anger, here my hatred, here my envy, here my gluttony, here my lust, here my sloth. Wilt thou not avenge thyself on His murderers, thy sins ?—every thorn in that wreath is as one of thy little sins—as thou callest them. He cries "*I have graven thee on the palms of My Hands : forget not the friendship of Thy surety for He hath given His life for thee.*"

O my soul ! consider the wounds of Him that suffereth, the death of Him that dieth, the price of thy Redemption. His Head inclines in death as if to greet thee : His Hands are spread out as if to embrace thee ; He pleads *for* thee and *with* thee, "Return O Child of My love—blood bought—ransomed from hell and death—return, oh return. Child of my tears and blood—wilt thou permit thy days to glide on in vain delight, in empty joys, far from the Cross, that safeguard of thy soul ?"

Look at that wounded, mangled Body, the price of thy salvation ; look at that Forehead, pierced by the thorns ; look at that Back, livid with stripes : look at those pierced Feet, those pierced Hands ; see from the crown of the Head to the sole of the Feet there is no whole part. Every nerve has thrilled with agony for thee ; for thee who hast crucified Him by thy sins.

III. *Colloquy*.—O Adorable Face, may Thine be the reparation of adoring love. O Eyes that wept over Jerusalem—be yours the reparation of beholding *the redeemed of the Lord, coming with songs of joy to Sion*. O Holy Lips—thine already the sweet reparation of power as man to pardon man : O Mighty Hands—

yours the reparation of bestowing countless blessings. O Adorable Feet,—yours the reparation of the worship of all who tread the way of life.

O Heart of Jesu; be Thine the reparation of the salvation of the great multitude, which none can number, out of every kindred and tongue and people who raise the song—

• *Worthy is the Lamb That was slain to receive power and riches, and wisdom, and blessing, and strength, and honour, and glory, for evermore. Amen.*

VII. S. MARY MAGDALENE (EASTER).

"Now when Jesus was risen early on the first day of the week, He appeared first to Mary Magdalene."

Consider, my soul, to whom our Lord first appeared. Why was this happy woman selected for so signal a favour?

Representation.—I. Let us picture three scenes in her life. Our Lord has just spoken the touching words, "Come unto Me, all ye who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest," spoken them on the coast of Gennesaret, hard by Magdala, where in state and pomp dwelt a grievous sinner, reputed to be the mistress of Herod. These words penetrate her ears as she listens afar off: she draws near, Simon the Pharisee invites, with great condescension, the "carpenter's son" to dine at his house, but treats Him with studied discourtesy; they watch Him: Mary of Magdala appears at the door: they look upon it as a good opportunity to test his prophetic power: for if He be a prophet, he will not permit Himself, they think, to be defiled by the polluting touch of a sinner: they know not that He is the very fountain opened in Sion for sin and uncleanness: she enters, they gather up their garments from the contagion of her touch as she passes, but He opposes not, her tears from fountains

long since dry flow over His Sacred Feet: the long hair, her pride and adornment, sweeps over as she dries them; while the self-righteous Pharisees deride, our Lord utters the absolving words, "*Her sins which are many are forgiven, for she loved much.*"

II. It is noonday, and yet it is dark; through the gloom we indistinctly trace the Cross, whereon the price of our salvation hangs, while the quaking earth and the rending tomb proclaim the death of the Son of God. Who is privileged to stand beneath, and give Him the tribute of human sympathy now? There are three; and one is Mary Magdalene, the forgiven sinner. She has heard the sound of the hammers which drove the nails through His Sacred Flesh, her sins drove them there. She sees the Blood, her ransom, flow down the sacred Tree: "Earth and stars and sky and ocean by that flood from stain are freed." Ah, my soul, thy sins are there. Thou wert His Pilate and His Herod, Weep with Magdalene, in this His hour of anguish, mercy, and love.

III. It is Easter morning, and three Marys come early to the tomb; the angel is yet earlier with his news of comfort. Two return to the city, but one remains with love that cannot suffer her to depart; and so she gains a joy past joy,—the first to hear His most gracious voice: "Mary." And had not this been recorded, could we have believed it? First surely to His Blessed Mother, to S. John, but to the sinner! Ah, thus He shows His love to penitents, His love to thee, who hast crucified Him by thy sins.

Colloquy. I. Oh, my soul, hast thou repented like Mary, from the pure love of God, unmixed with other motives, not for the slavish fear of hell, not with the hope of gaining heaven, but all for Jesus?

II. Oh, my soul, dost thou abide beneath the Cross in spirit, beneath His wounded Side? There alone no angry foe can come; there is the Heart filled with divine Love which wept, and broke for thee.

III. Oh, my soul, if thus thou hast repented, if thus

thou hast watched, on the great Easter Day, yet to come, when as in Adam all died, so in Christ shall all be made alive, thou shalt hear His most joyful voice, "*Come, blessed child of My Father.*"

VIII. ASCENSION DAY.

"While they beheld, He was taken up : and a cloud received Him out of their sight."

I. Represent to thyself, O my soul, the Apostles with the Virgin Mother, attending the steps of their Lord and Master to Mount Olivet. There is something in His manner, perhaps, which tells them it is the last time they shall thus accompany Him. They arrive at the summit, and He speaks His last words. Inhospitable as this world has been, they are yet words of blessing ; and while He yet blesses them, they see that His Feet have left the earth ; He ascends far above them ; they gaze with awe-struck eyes, until that holy form becomes a mere speck in the dim distance, and a cloud at last veils Him from their earthly sight.

II. Consider, my soul, what must have been the emotion of the Apostles as they followed Christ ; joy, dimmed by the approaching loss of that bodily personal presence, so long vouchsafed to them. Remember that on Mount Olivet He foretold His Passion, and thence learn that suffering is the path to glory : lifting up His Hands He blessed them, as if He should again say, "*Holy Father, keep them in Thy Name, whom Thou hast given Me, that they may be one as We are One.*" The blessing of Christ gives the grace for which He prays, O my Saviour, bless Thou me, even me, with heavenly blessing, not with the fleeting joys of earth, which can never satisfy a soul formed for Thyself. *And while He blessed them, He was parted from them.* Ah, His last words are those of blessing, as our heavenly Enoch ascends, as our great High Priest, with our

names upon His Breast, enters within the veil; there to prepare a place for us. "*In My Father's house are many mansions; I go to prepare a place for you.*" With what sentiments of love and awe do His Apostles gaze. "*Draw me, we will run after Thee.*" Slowly He ascends as unwilling to withdraw Himself from their gaze. Gaze with them, O my soul.

III. "*And a cloud received Him out of their sight.*" A wondrous chariot. *He maketh the clouds His chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind.* From God that cloud, which the eye of Faith may pierce: God places a limit to our intellect, while we see *as through a glass darkly*, that we may not anticipate the day when we shall see *face to face, and know as we are known*; lest, rapt in ecstasy we should be unfitted for our earthly duties: or because we walk by *faith not by sight*, and hence may exercise that faith the better. But see that there be no clouds of passion, of earthly affection, which may veil God from thy sight, O my soul. "*Awake, thou north wind, and come thou south and breathe upon my garden, that my beloved may enter therein and gather the precious fruits.*"

IV. Yet we may follow Him as revealed in prophecy by the Psalmist—Hark, the attendant angels sing,—"*Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in;*" from within they who stand upon the heavenly battlements cry, "*Who is the King of Glory?*" "*Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah?*" "*I have trodden the vintage alone, and of the people there was none with me.*" Again the refrain swells, *Who is the King of Glory?* Listen to the adoring reply borne on the lips of ten thousand times ten thousand. "*Even the Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory.*"

Colloquy.—*Set thine affection on things above, not on things below, for thou art dead and thy life is hid with Christ in God. O, my soul, where thy treasure is there shall thy heart be also.*

IX. WHITSUNTIDE.

The two Dispensations. "The law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ."

Representation.—Picture to thyself, O my soul—

I. The assembled multitude of the children of Israel gathered beneath Sinai. The Mount which burned with fire, the blackness of darkness: the sound of a trumpet exceeding loud. *"He maketh darkness His secret place, and thick clouds to cover Him:"* the awe-struck multitude; the limits which none can pass; the prophet alone with God.

II. The upper chamber at the third hour: the eleven: the mighty rushing wind: the tongues of fire which gently light on each sainted head. The supernatural results: the multitude: the gift of tongues: the three thousand converted.

Consideration.—My soul thou art *"not under the law, but under grace."* Thou hast not come to the Mount which might be touched, and that burneth with fire; but unto Mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, the angelic host; the Church of the firstborn: God, the Judge of all; and the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Author and Finisher of our Faith.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Spirit which He hath given us. Behold how It inspired the Apostles to overcome the fear of death and torment, to count all things as dross, that they might bring souls to Christ. Is this zeal for the glory of God in thee? Dost thou long to save souls? Art thou careful of thine own? Alas, how easily dejected! how often cast down!

Consider, my soul, Whose temple thou art, Who dwelleth within thee. What if a tongue of fire rested visibly over thee: what if it burned brightly when thou wert filled with the Spirit: dimly when thou faintest in the strife. Oh, how wouldest thou struggle,

lest the Light should be quenched: that it might proclaim thee the true servant of God, strive with the temple of His grace.

"And the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Learn to seize every opportunity of doing thy Master's work: how many hast thou already lost? *"Be filled with the Spirit."* With all thy heart strive to bring souls to God. Thyself converted, strengthen thy brethren, which thou shalt do, if the Fire of Divine Love burn within thee.

Veni Sancte Spiritus, imple superna gratia quæ tu creasti pectora.

The Hymn on page 442 will be very useful here.

X. ALL SAINTS' DAY.

"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number," etc.

Represent to thyself, my soul, this glorious band. Who are these clothed in white robes, bearing palms in their hands? Whence came they?

I. *"These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb,"* through which alone thy sins can be washed away. There is the once sinful Magdalene, there the penitent thief; there mayest thou, though vile and unclean, be, if thou but lavest thyself in that fountain for sin and uncleanness—the precious Blood. Like thee, they did groan, being burdened with a body of sin and death; like thee, they had the means of grace, which are the inheritance of the children of God here below, and through their use they were brought to heavenly glory; like thee, they were weak and infirm, compassed about with temptations; but the grace of God, which was bestowed upon them, was not in vain. Use the grace bestowed upon thee, my soul; their God is yet thy God.

II. *Consideration.*—" *These are they which came out of great tribulation.*" Suffering is the path to glory. If we suffer with Him, like those of whom the world was not worthy, we shall also reign with Him, when God shall wipe away all tears from the eyes of His people, and the light affliction, which is but for a moment, shall have worked a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. Wherefore, my soul, bear with courage the burden laid upon thee, breast manfully the waves of this life's tempestuous sea; and when the eternal shore is gained, who will count the billows past?

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Consider, lastly, my soul, those once dear to thee, who have accomplished their earthly warfare, and who, purified through suffering, have entered upon their eternal rest. They are amongst this happy multitude: once they suffered like thee, but they bore their sufferings for His sake; once they sinned like thee, but they repented, and their robes were washed in Blood; they were ever tempted and tried while life lasted; and now it is over, and the eternal rest gained.

"Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the Author and Finisher of our faith."

III. *Colloquy.*—O ye Saints of God, who have passed the waves of this troublesome world, and attained the port of Paradise, the harbour of everlasting felicity: who living in the flesh have so pleased God, that ye now reign with Him—from the Rock ye behold us struggling yet in the sea—contending with storm and tempest, in peril of shipwreck—O may we be aided by your prayers until we attain the shore. Your faith is lost in sight, your hope in fruition—but your love faileth never: let that love find its exercise in availing prayer, that we may attain your happy company, and praise God with you for evermore.



Seben Forms
OF
Preparation and Thanksgiving
FOR THE
Holy Eucharist.

*By way of Meditation; adapted from the "Sacred
Month" of Arvisenet.*

I.

CHRISTUS,
Pontifex Summus.

PRÆPARATIO.

I.—*Quis venit?* Christ, the Great High Priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners, and now made higher than the heavens, Who in the days of His flesh offered up prayer, with strong crying and tears, to Him That was able to save.

II.—*Ad quem venit?* To one of those of whom it has been said, "Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the Mysteries of God," and who has to render account of his stewardship.

III.—*Ad quid venit?* That He may make thy heart His shrine, that thou mayst say, "I live, yet not I, but Christ liveth in me,"—and through Him, in Whom thou canst do all things, rightly perform the ministry entrusted to thee.

Aspiratio.—O Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, I have strayed like a lost sheep myself, how shall I tend Thy flock, unless Thou abide with me, and Thy rod and staff comfort me?

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

I.—Consider with the eye of faith, Christ the Great High Priest, united with thee in these Holy Mysteries.

II.—Make oblation of all thy powers, of body, soul and spirit, to His service.

III.—Seek His aid Who is touched with a feeling of thine infirmities, having been tempted in all points as thou art, yet without sin.

Aspiratio.—Show Thy servants Thy work, and their children Thy glory, prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us: O prosper Thou our handywork.

These seven Forms of Preparation and Thanksgiving, before and after Communion, differ in arrangement from the previous Meditations, but the same general Preparation as before may still be used; the Points I., II., and III. of the "Præparatio" or "Gratiarum Actio," taking the place of the Consideration, and the "Aspiratio" of the Colloquy.

II.

CHRISTUS,

Refugium Peccatorum.

PRÆPARATIO.

I.—*Quis venit?* Christ, Who said, My yoke is easy and My burden is light, and Who for the obedience of a moment, promises eternal reward.

II.—*Ad quem venit?* To His rebellious servant, who from the beginning has rebelled against His yoke, and cast the light burden aside.

III.—*Ad quid venit?* That He may draw His unworthy child from the hard yoke of his passions, to the bond of charity, that He may save him from the burden of the flesh under which he groans, and may teach him the service which is perfect freedom.

Aspiratio.—Whence is this to me, that my Lord and God should come unto me?

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

I.—Behold with the eye of faith, Christ thy God, dwelling in thy heart, Who hath bought thee with a great price; and consider thyself as His fugitive and rebellious servant, recalled to thy allegiance.

II.—Love Him with all thy heart, soul, mind and strength, remembering that "whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."

III.—Seek from Him the spirit of holy fear, that, abhorring the lightest sin, thou mayst love Him, and live in His sight.

Aspiratio.—"Come unto Me all ye that labour, and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Even so I come, Lord Jesus.

III.
CHRISTUS,
Panis Vitæ.

PRÆPARATIO.

I.—*Quis venit?* Christ, the Bread of Life, Which descending from Heaven, has given life unto the world.

II.—*Ad quem venit?* To one to whom it might well be said, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and cast it to dogs."

III.—*Ad quid venit?* That He Who bringeth forth Bread to strengthen thine heart, may nourish thee, lest thou faint in the way.

Aspiratio.—Lord, I am not worthy to gather up the crumbs under Thy table.

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

I.—Behold, with the eye of Faith, Christ as One breaking bread to the hungry; and thyself as one unworthy even to gather up the crumbs.

II.—Love Him as did the poor woman of Canaan, for He has said to thee as to her, "Be it unto thee even as thou wilt."

III.—Seek from Him that thou mayst go in the strength of that Meat and Drink, unto the mount of God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

Aspiratio.—O send out Thy light and Thy truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to Thy holy hill, and to Thy dwelling.

IV.

CHRISTUS,

Esca Angelorum.

PRÆPARATIO.

I.—*Quis venit?* Christ, the Food of Angels, the medicine of immortality, the pledge of eternal glory.

II.—*Ad quem venit?* To a pilgrim and stranger who hath no abiding city here, but seeketh one to come.

III.—*Ad quid venit?* That sustained by this Heavenly Manna, thou mayst go in the strength of this Food, in the observance of His commandments, whether in the day of prosperity or the night of adversity, till thou reach the land of everlasting life.

Aspiratio.—Hold not thy peace at my tears, for I am a stranger with Thee and a sojourner as all my fathers were.

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

I.—Behold with the eye of Faith, Christ the provision for thy journey, the manna sent from Heaven, to console Thee in the wilderness of this world, until thou come to the Heavenly Canaan, where thou shalt hunger no more, neither thirst any more.

II.—Love Him as the weary Israelites the Rock whence they drank, for from His pierced Side flow rivers of living waters.

III.—Seek from Him strength that shall never fail, that thou mayst walk in Him by day, and rest in peace by night, until thou see Him face to face.

Aspiratio.—Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks, so longeth my soul after Thee, O God.

V.
CHRISTUS,

Iux Verā.

PRÆPARATIO.

I.—*Quis venit?* Christ, the Brightness of the Father's Glory, Who enlighteneth every man that cometh into the world.

II.—*Ad quem venit?* To the spiritually blind, who walk in darkness and the shadow of death, waiting the Dayspring from on high.

III.—*Ad quid venit?* That He may lift up the light of His Countenance upon thee, that thy light may so shine before men, that they may glorify thy Father Which is in Heaven, until the shadows depart, and the eternal morning dawn upon thee.

Aspiratio. — O Orient Brightness of the Eternal Light, Sun of Righteousness, come and lighten those that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

I.—Behold with the eye of Faith, Christ dwelling within thee, the light of them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death, and behold thyself as one blind, coming to Him with the prayer of blind Bartimæus, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? Lord, that I may see.

II.—Rejoice in His appearing, as the traveller in darkness and danger rejoices in the opening day.

III.—Seek from Him grace to look not at those things which are seen, but at those which are not seen, for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things not seen are eternal.

Aspiratio.—I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for Him, even as they that watch for the morning.

VI.

CHRISTUS,

Amor meus, crucifixus.

PRÆPARATIO.

I.—*Quis venit?* Christ, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief, Who was bruised for our iniquities, and laden with our transgressions, that by His stripes we might be healed.

II.—*Ad quem venit?* To thee who hast betrayed Him by thy sins, who hast often crucified Him afresh by thine iniquity, and put Him to open shame.

III.—*Ad quid venit?* That thou mayest learn not to glory save in the Cross of thy Lord, by Whom the world is crucified unto thee, and thou unto the world, that thou mayst bear about thee the dying of thy Lord, and His life may be made manifest in thee.

Aspiratio.—Until the day break and the shadows flee away, I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense.

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

I.—Behold with the eye of Faith, Christ within thine heart, seeking in thee the reward of a love stronger than death. Behold in thyself the ungrateful servant, who by thy sins didst crucify Him, and by thy ingratitude yet deniest Him.

II.—Strive to render Him love such as the martyrs bore, that thou mayst say with them, "What shall separate us from the love of Christ—tribulation or anguish, fire or sword?"

III.—Pray Him that, suffering with Him here, thou mayst reign with Him hereafter.

Aspiratio.—O Jesus, my Lord, crucified for me, teach me to crucify the flesh with its affections and lusts.

VII.

CHRISTUS,

Rex æternæ Gloriæ.

PRÆPARATIO.

I.—*Quis venit ?* Christ ; the King of eternal glory, Who hath on His vestment, and on His thigh, this Name written, King of kings, and Lord of lords.

II.—*Ad quem venit ?* To His debtor, owing ten thousand talents, yet not having one farthing wherewith to pay the debt.

III.—*Ad quid venit ?* Not that He may sell all that thou hast, and cast thee into prison, till thou pay the uttermost farthing ; but that He may give thee more even than thou owest, His Body and His Blood.

Aspiratio.—Rejoice, O daughter of Zion ; behold thy King cometh unto thee, just and having salvation.

GRATIARUM ACTIO.

I.—Behold Christ thy King making thy heart His throne ; behold thyself a miserable debtor, imploring and finding mercy.

II.—Resolve in love to yield to Him all that thou hast,—thy will, thy intellect, and thy whole energies to His service.

III.—Seek from Him grace to conquer all thy ghostly foes, and to yield thyself soul and body to be a willing sacrifice to Him, all the days of thy life.

Aspiratio.—I will lift up mine eyes to the hills, from whence cometh my help ; my help cometh even from the Lord, Who hath made Heaven and earth.

Conclusion of each Thanksgiving.

Suscipe Domine, universam meam libertatem. Accipe memoriam, intellectum, atque voluntatem omnem. Quidquid habeo vel possideo, mihi largitus es ; id Tibi totum restituo, ac Tuæ prorsus voluntati trado gubernandum. Amorem Tui solum, cum gratia, mihi dones, et dives sum satis, nec aliud quidquam ultra posco. Amen.

You will find seven Meditations before Communion and ten Thanksgivings for use after in the IV. Section, p. 256 and p. 350.

The present Editor proposes, Deo volente, to publish a Series of Meditations, on the Gospels and Epistles throughout the year, similar in character to those given in this Section for the principal Seasons of the Church, which might be useful, not only as meditations, but also as a preparation for preaching.





SECTION VII.

Devotions for Use in Sickness.



☉ Anima Christiana, respice vulnera patientis, Sanguinem morientis, pretium redemptionis. Hæc quanta sint cogitate et in statera mentis bestra appendite, ut totus nobis figatur in corde, Qui pro nobis totus fixus est in cruce.

Nam, si Passio Christi ad memoriam rebocetur, nihil est tam durum, quod non æquo animo toleretur.

S. Augustinus.



Devotions for use in Sickness.



PART I.

Based upon the Order for the Visitation of the Sick in the Book of Common Prayer.

ANTIPHON.—O SAVIOUR of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O God.

PSALM LXXI. *In Te, Domine, speravi.**

1 IN Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust; let me never be put to confusion: but rid me, and deliver me in Thy righteousness; incline Thine ear unto me, and save me.

2 Be Thou my strong hold, whereunto I may alway resort: Thou hast promised to help me; for Thou art my house of defence, and my castle.

3 Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand of the ungodly: out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

4 For Thou, O Lord God, art the thing that I long for: Thou art my hope, even from my youth.

5 Through Thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: Thou

* This psalm is found in the Order for the Visitation of the Sick in both the Eastern and Western Churches.

art He That took me out of my mother's womb: my praise shall always be of Thee.

6 I am become as it were a monster unto many: but my sure trust is in Thee.

7 O let my mouth be filled with Thy praise: that I may sing of Thy glory and honour all the day long.

8 Cast me not away in the time of age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

9 For mine enemies speak against me, and they that lay wait for my soul take their counsel together, saying: God hath forsaken him, persecute him, and take him; for there is none to deliver him.

10 Go not far from me, O God: my God, haste Thee to help me.

11 Let them be confounded and perish that are against my soul: let them be covered with shame and dishonour that seek to do me evil.

12 As for me, I will patiently abide always: and will praise Thee more and more.

13 My mouth shall daily speak of Thy righteousness and salvation: for I know no end thereof.

14 I will go forth in the strength of the Lord God: and will make mention of Thy righteousness only.

15 Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now: therefore will I tell of Thy wondrous works.

16 Forsake me not, O God, in mine old age, when I am gray-headed: until I have shewed Thy strength unto this generation, and Thy power to all them that are yet for to come.

17 Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that Thou hast done: O God, who is like unto Thee?

Glory be to the Father, &c.

ANTIPHON.—O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and Precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O God.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

Christ, have mercy upon me.

Lord, have mercy upon me.

OUR Father, &c.

- ℣. O Lord, save Thy servant ;
- ℞. Which putteth *his* trust in Thee.
- ℣. Send unto me help from Thy holy place ;
- ℞. And evermore mightily defend me.
- ℣. Let the enemy have no advantage of me ;
- ℞. Nor the wicked approach to hurt me.
- ℣. Be unto me, O Lord, a strong tower ;
- ℞. From the face of the enemy.
- ℣. O Lord, hear my prayer ;
- ℞. And let my cry come unto Thee.

O LORD, look down from heaven, behold, visit, and relieve me Thy servant. Look upon me with the eyes of Thy mercy, give me comfort and sure confidence in Thee, defend me from the danger of the enemy, and keep me in perpetual peace and safety ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HEAR me, Almighty and most merciful God and Saviour ; extend Thy accustomed goodness to me, now grieved with sickness. Sanctify, I beseech Thee, this Thy fatherly correction to me ; that the sense of my weakness may add strength to my faith, and seriousness to my repentance : That, if it shall be Thy good pleasure to restore me to my former health, I may lead the residue of my life in Thy fear, and to Thy glory : or else, give me grace to take Thy visitation, that, after this painful life ended, I may dwell with Thee in life everlasting ; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Here it will be well to make a solemn Act of Faith, and
resignation to God's most blessed will.*

AN ACT OF FAITH.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, &c.

IN this Faith, which as a member of Christ's Holy Catholic Church I unfeignedly hold, do I desire and purpose to end my life, giving most humble and hearty thanks unto my loving Creator and Redeemer, that by His infinite Goodness He hath vouchsafed to bring me to the knowledge of it, in the assurance of which I commend my soul and body into His most holy and merciful Hands, now and at the hour of my death. Amen.

O GOD, in Whose Hand are the issues of life and death, Who upholdest all things by the word of Thy power, I desire to accept of death with meek submission, as the debt due to Thy Divine Majesty on account of my sins.

I believe in Thee, O Blessed Trinity, Three Persons yet One God, and in all the truths which Thou hast revealed through Thy Word to Thy Church.

I BELIEVE, O God, that Thou didst send Thy Son to die for me, a miserable sinner; that Thou didst make me, in my Baptism, a member of Christ, a child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven; that Thou dost hear my prayers, and sanctify me by Thy Holy Spirit; that through Thy mercy alone, I can be saved. And therefore, O God, I praise Thy Name; in this Faith I would live, and in this Faith, by Thy help, would die. And, O my God, trusting only in Thee and Thy grace, so freely be-

stowed upon me, I look for the pardon of my sins, through faith in Thy dear Son; and for that eternal bliss which His merits, and not my own, have purchased. Therefore in Thy strength I will live, so long as life lasts, to fight against the world, the flesh and the devil, and to continue Thy soldier and servant unto my life's end; for Thy sake forgiving all who have offended me, for Thy sake cheerfully bearing all Thou wouldest have me bear, even death itself, and those pains which accompany it; so that loving Thee above all things, I may be with Thee in Paradise. O Crucified Saviour, Who, that I might die in Thee, didst die upon the Cross for me, suffer me not in my last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee. Remember, O Good Shepherd, that I am one of Thy sheep, purchased by Thy Blood. O guide me through the Valley of the Shadow of Death; let Thy rod and staff comfort me; be with me when all earthly help shall fail; suffer me not to be separated from Thee; forget not the ransom Thou hast paid for me; at my last hour receive me, and call me to Thee; hide me in Thy Wounds, wash me in Thy Blood, that, with Thy Saints, I may praise Thee to all eternity. Amen.

A PROTESTATION OF FORGIVENESS TO OTHERS.

I HUMBLY desire all and every one whom I have offended, kindly to forgive me. And whereinsoever any have offended me, or done me any injury, I freely and heartily forgive them, even as I desire to be forgiven of God, and to be absolved from all my sins, for the merits of my blessed Redeemer. Amen.

The following exhortation is from the Sarum Manual, and may prove suggestive: it evidently suggested the directions in our present Office.

BELOVED brother, because without charity, faith profiteth thee nothing, according to the witness

of the Apostle, who saith, "If I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains and have not charity, I am nothing," therefore it behoveth thee to love the Lord thy God above all things, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and thy neighbour for God's sake, as thyself—for without charity of this sort faith availeth nought.

Exercise therefore works of love, whilst thou art able, and if much hath been given thee, give much ; if little, do thy diligence gladly to give of that little.

And above all, if thou hast injured any one, make atonement if thou canst ; and also it is expedient to ask pardon humbly, from him thou hast injured.

Forgive all who have trespassed against thee, that God may also forgive thee.

Dearest brother, if thou wishest to arrive at the Vision of God, it behoveth thee altogether to be clean in mind, and pure in conscience—for Christ saith in the Gospel, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

If therefore thou wouldst possess thy heart pure, and conscience in health—confess all thy sins.

You will find aid in the work of Self-Examination, Penitence, and Confession, in Section V.

Remember the words of S. Chrysostom.

"Three things are necessary to penitence : in the heart—contrition ; in the mouth—confession ; in the life—amendment."

ACT OF CONTRITION.*

O MOST merciful God, Who according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away

* This prayer is adapted from that found in Gelasius,—*Reconciliatio pœnitentis ad mortem*,—whence it passed through the *Sarum Manual* into our "Book of Common Prayer."

the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more. Open Thine Eye of mercy upon me, Thy servant, most earnestly desiring pardon and forgiveness. Renew in me, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by my own carnal will and frailness: preserve and continue me in the unity of Thy Church, accept my tears, assuage my pain, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for me. And forasmuch as I put my whole trust in Thy mercy, impute not unto me my former sins, but strengthen me with Thy blessed Spirit, and when thou art pleased to take me hence, take me into Thy favour, through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICE OF ANOINTING, FROM
THE FIRST PRAYER BOOK OF EDWARD VI.

If the sick person desire to be anointed, then shall the Priest anoint him upon the forehead or breast only, making the sign of the Cross, saying thus :—

AS with this visible oil thy body outwardly is anointed, so our Heavenly Father, Almighty God, grant of His infinite goodness, that thy soul inwardly may be anointed with the Holy Ghost, Who is the spirit of all strength, comfort, relief, and gladness; and vouchsafe for His great mercy (if it be His blessed will) to restore unto thee thy bodily health, and strength, to serve Him: and send thee release of all thy pains, troubles and diseases, both in body and mind.

And howsoever His goodness, by His divine and unsearchable Providence, shall dispose of Thee; we His unworthy ministers and servants humbly beseech the eternal Majesty to deal with thee, according to the multitude of His innumerable mercies, and to pardon thee all thy sins and offences, committed by all thy

bodily senses, passions, and carnal affections: Who also vouchsafe mercifully to grant unto thee ghostly strength, by His Holy Spirit to withstand and overcome all temptations and assaults of thine adversary, that in no wise he prevail against thee, but that thou mayst have perfect victory and triumph against the devil, sin and death; through Christ our Lord: Who by His death hath overcome the prince of death, and with the Father, and the Holy Ghost, evermore liveth and reigneth, God world without end. Amen.

ANTIPHON.—O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O God.

PSALM XIII. *Usque quo, Domine?*

1 How long wilt Thou forget me, O Lord, for ever: how long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?

2 How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart: how long shall mine enemies triumph over me?

3 Consider, and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death.

4 Lest mine enemy say,

I have prevailed against him: for if I be cast down, they that trouble me will rejoice at it.

5 But my trust is in Thy mercy: and my heart is joyful in Thy salvation.

6 I will sing of the Lord, because He hath dealt so lovingly with me: yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

* ANTIPHON.—O Saviour of the world, Who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O God.

* The Antiphon is not in the original.

PART II.

*Various Forms for use during the occasions and needs of
Sickness.*

RESIGN YOURSELF TO GOD'S WILL.

O MOST blessed Lord Jesus, Who wast our example in Thy submission to Thy Father's will, and Thy patience in suffering, behold, I desire to receive this sickness as a merciful chastisement from Thy loving Hand, and as being far less than my sins have deserved. It is Thy will it should be thus with me, and I submit. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. I am Thy creature, and the work of Thy Hands, and it is in Thy mercy Thou dost send me pain and suffering here. O most merciful Lord, take away from me all murmuring and resistance to Thy will ; strengthen me to endure, that, bearing my cross after Thee here, I may pass through the trials and suffering of this world to that eternal rest Thy sufferings have purchased for me ; Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

IMPLORE GOD'S MERCY.

BUT, O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine indignation, neither chasten me in Thy displeasure. Have mercy upon me, for I am weak. Thou knowest how frail I am, that I am but dust and ashes in Thy sight ; deal not with me, therefore, after my sins, neither reward me after my misdeeds, for in Thy sight shall no man living be justified. O most loving Saviour, receive me into Thine arms in the hour of my distress, hide me in Thy wounds, bathe my soul in Thy most precious Blood. Amen.

BEFORE SELF-EXAMINATION.

O MERCIFUL Lord, look upon me with the compassion of a father, teach me to call my ways to remembrance, and find out what it is that has brought this affliction upon me; and make me so sensible of my manifold provocations, and so sincerely to lament, abhor, and forsake them, that this affliction may appear the effect of Thy love and pity. Fit me, by an earnest repentance, a lively faith, and a steadfast affiance in Thy mercy, for the night in which no man can work, that if Thou think fit to spare me, I may live an example of one made better by Thy judgment; or else may reap the benefits of Thy Fatherly visitation in an entire submission to Thy Will here, and in being hereafter received into Thy Glory; for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

The following Form of Private Confession may be useful.

THE CONFESSION.

ALMIGHTY God, I confess to Thee my sins of pride and vain-glory, of hatred and envy, of self-indulgence and impurity, &c., &c., &c., which through my fault, my own fault, my most grievous fault, I have committed against Thy heavenly and awful Majesty. I am an unclean and sinful creature: I accuse myself of my wicked thoughts and desires . . . of my idle and evil words . . . of my ungodly deeds . . . for all which I entreat Thee to give me true repentance, and a steadfast resolution to shew forth its fruits in my future life. And in all lowliness and humility would I beg for pardon, and cry unto Thee for mercy; that Thou, O God, Whose nature and property it is to forgive sinners, and ever to have compassion on them that truly turn to Thee, wouldst vouchsafe to give me a perfect remission of all my sins, and the

comfort of absolution; to strengthen me in all good works, and to bring me to everlasting life: through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Or this,

O FATHER Almighty, Lord of Heaven and earth, I humble myself before Thee, because of all my sins, which I have committed against Thee ever since I was born, even unto this day, in thought, in word, in will, in act, or by consent. I remember my offences with shame, and confusion of face, and seek Thy pardon. God be merciful to me a sinner. For all these my sins and transgressions I do abhor myself, and cast myself upon Thy mercy; and these sins which through my ignorance, or forgetfulness, or the blindness of my heart, I know not, but which Thou, Who knowest the very secrets of the heart, seest, do thou forgive: and cleanse me through that Blood which cleanseth from all sins, the Blood of Him Who came into this ruined world to save sinners, of whom I am chief; and Who ever liveth to make intercession for us; Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

FOR SPACE FOR AMENDMENT.

O LORD God of our salvation, Who for our sake wast wounded, and didst die, and lie in the grave, and by Thine own power didst rise again with victory and triumph, have mercy upon Thy servant. Hide not Thou Thy Face from me, but restore me to health of body. Give me space for amendment of life, and preserve me in the way of righteousness: and so bless me with opportunities of doing Thee service, that I may redeem the time past, and by Thy grace become rich in good works; that when Thou shalt require my soul it may not be abhorred of Thee, nor suffer Thy terrors, but may have an eternity of blessings in the

resurrection of the just; for Thine own sake, Who livest and reignest One with the Father and the Holy Ghost, for ever and ever. Amen.

FOR RESIGNATION.

ALMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, have pity upon me, who am grieved with sickness. Wean my soul, I beseech Thee, and all my desires from the attractions of this world; pardon all my sins, and impart to me the grace and comfort of Thy Holy Spirit, that my fears being overcome, my sins forgiven, my desires rectified, as the hart pants after the springs of water, so my soul may long after Thee, O God, and desire to enter into Thy heavenly courts. Heavenly Father, if it be for Thy glory and my spiritual good, to have the days of my pilgrimage prolonged, I beg of Thee life and health; but if this cup may not pass from me, Thy Will be done: my Saviour has drunk off all the bitterness. I am in Thy Hands, O Lord; do with me as seemeth good in Thine Eyes. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for Thou art with me: Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me: I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest; for it is Thou, Lord, only Who shalt make me to dwell in everlasting safety, and to partake of the joys of Thy Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, eternal God, world without end. Amen.

FOR SUBMISSION.

O ALMIGHTY and most gracious Saviour, Who didst meekly suffer for us the severe stripes of Thy Father's wrath, give to Thy servant Thy grace, that I may bear the burden of the Lord with a willing, obedient, and loving mind. Let me never charge Thee foolishly, nor murmur secretly, but submit my body

and soul in faith and hope to Thy merciful and righteous dispensation. Suffer me not to increase the difficulty of my repentance by any new sin, nor to provoke Thee to anger by impatience, nor to offend those who kindly minister to me, nor to neglect the doing of anything that is my duty. O God be merciful to Thy servant: give me ease and rest, a quiet mind, and a peaceful conscience; make Thou all my bed in my sickness, and deliver me not to the will of my ghostly enemies; but magnify Thy mercies, and make Thy goodness illustrious upon me, for Thine own merit's sake. Amen.

SHORT ACTS OF DEVOTION FOR THE TIME OF SICKNESS.

1. LORD, I accept this sickness from Thy hands, praying for strength to resign myself to Thy blessed will. Not my will, but Thine be done.

2. O Lord, rebuke me not in Thine indignation, neither chasten me in Thy displeasure.

3. O Thou Who wast made perfect through sufferings, grant me strength to endure all that Thou mayest see fit to send me, so that, enduring to the end, I may be saved.

4. I give Thee thanks and praise for all that Thou, O Lord, hast borne for me. O grant me patience to follow in the path Thou hast trodden before me.

5. O most sweet Jesus, Thou didst suffer, being innocent; shall I not suffer, being guilty?

6. Thou, Who hast said, "As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten," grant that in this chastisement I may be supported by Thy love.

7. Into Thy hands, O Lord, I commend myself, as unto a faithful Creator and Merciful Redeemer.

8. Behold, O Lord, I am the price of Thy Blood, of Thy most precious Blood: I have done that whereby Thou mayst condemn me; Thou hast not undone that whereby Thou art wont to save.

9. Suffer not, O Lord, the soul to perish which Thou hast so dearly bought.

10. Though Thy Temple, O Lord, in me hath been polluted, through my frailty; yet O Lord, destroy it not, but hallow it anew.

11. Break not, O Lord, the bruised reed, quench not the smoking flax.

12. Grant that my light affliction, which is but for a moment, may work for me an exceeding weight of glory.

13. O Lord Jesus, fill me with Thy love, that I may enter upon those joys which eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, but which Thou hast prepared for them that love Thee.

14. O sweet Jesus, receive me into Thine arms in my distress; wash my soul in Thy blood; create in me a clean heart, and renew a right spirit within me.

15. O Lord, for Thy sake I forgive all who have ever offended me, as I hope to be forgiven by Thee.

16. God be merciful to me a sinner.

17. Have mercy upon me, O God, after Thy great goodness: according to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.

18. O that I had never offended so good a God: would that I had always preserved my Baptismal innocence! I renounce the world, the flesh, and the devil; I desire to renew my Baptismal Covenant, and to remain Thy soldier and servant until my life's end.

19. I commend my soul to God the Father, Who created me; to God the Son, Who redeemed me; to God the Holy Ghost, Who sanctifieth me. Into Thy hands I commend my spirit, for Thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, Thou God of Truth.

IN SUFFERING.

O LORD Jesus, accept my sufferings, which I desire to unite with Thine; sanctify these afflictions to my soul, so that the pain of body I suffer may bring me nearer Thee. O fill me with such love

towards Thee, that for Thy sake I may rejoice to be conformed to Thine image in suffering, and to be made like unto Thee; come to my help, and fill me with that love which casteth out fear. Oh! how light are my sufferings compared with Thine! and Thou didst of Thine own love bear all for me, a most miserable sinner. O Lord, help me; let me never be separated from Thee; give me strength to bear all for Thee. Amen.

Anima Christi.

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
 Body of Christ, save me;
 Blood of Christ, refresh me;
 Water from the Side of Christ, wash me;
 Passion of Christ, strengthen me;
 O good Jesu, hear me;
 Within Thy Wounds hide me;
 Suffer me not to be separated from Thee;
 From the malicious enemy defend me;
 In the hour of my death call me;
 And bid me come unto Thee;
 That with Thy saints I may praise Thee
 To all eternity. Amen.

*You will also find the Paraphrase of the Anima Christi,
 page 311, very useful.*

It is said of that eminent saint of God, the B. Augustine of Hippo, that in his last illness he caused the Penitential Psalms to be hung over his bed, and repeated them again and again with many tears. Should you be moved to do likewise you will find them in the beginning of Section V.

A PRAYER FOR RECOVERY.

O LORD God, Who art the Physician of our souls and bodies; Who chastenest and again healest; Who didst hearken to Hezekiah in the affliction of his soul, in the hour of approaching death; Who

didst send Thy Son Jesus Christ to heal our sicknesses and carry our sorrows; for His dear sake, if it be Thy Blessed will, grant Thy blessing on the means used for my recovery; expel all pain, infirmity, and sickness from my body, and all the corruption and power of sin from my soul, that I may experience Thy healing power and virtue, both in the body and in the spirit; and shouldest Thou restore my bodily health grant me to pass the years Thou mayest give me, to Thy honour and glory, Who art a faithful Creator, and most merciful Saviour; and unto Thee will I ascribe all the glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BEFORE TAKING MEDICINE.

GRANT Thy blessing, O Lord, upon the means I am about to use for the recovery of my health, and restore me, if it be Thy good pleasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WHEN APPARENTLY PAST RECOVERY.

O LORD Jesu Christ, our health and life, our hope, and the Resurrection from the dead, into Thy Hands I commend my spirit, for nothing can perish which is committed to Thy mercy. I believe, O Lord, that I shall receive my body again at the resurrection of the just. I relinquish all care of that, only I beg of Thee mercy for my soul. Strengthen it with Thy grace against all temptations; let Thy loving-kindness defend it as with a shield. There is no help in me, O Lord, but my trust is in Thy sure mercies; and to my unspeakable comfort I call to mind that Thou wast hungry and thirsty, mocked and crucified, *for me*. Oh! let that mercy which made Thee suffer so much, make Thee do that for which Thou didst suffer,—pardon and save me. Let Thy merits answer for my impieties, Thy Righteousness cover my sins, Thy Blood wash away my stains, and Thy comforts refresh my soul. As my body grows weaker, let Thy grace grow

stronger. Let not my faith waver, nor my hope falter, nor my charity grow cold ; but let the beams of Thy Countenance enlighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in eternal death ; and when my tongue fails, let Thy Spirit teach my heart to pray with strong crying, and groans unutterable. Suffer not the enemy to do me any violence, but do Thou repel his malice, and defeat his fraud by the ministry of Thy holy Angels, that my soul may triumph in the joy of eternity, the fruition of Thee, my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A PRAYER COMMENDING FAMILY AND FRIENDS INTO
THE HANDS OF GOD.

O GOD of Truth and Mercy, I commit to Thy protection all my friends and relations, particularly Thou art the Father of the fatherless, and pleadest the cause of the widow. Leave them not nor forsake them, but provide for and defend them, O Lord God of my salvation. Be Thou to them more than I could be, if I were still employed by Thee to take care of them. Grant that they may evermore place their love and delight in Thee, and fix their trust and confidence in Thy mercy. Keep them from those sins which may forfeit Thy Fatherly care and providence, and cry more loudly against them, than their loneliness and desolation can plead in their behalf. Train them up in Thy fear, preserve them from the evils and temptations of this world, and bring them at length to the joys and blessedness of that to come, for the sake of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

IF YOU DESIRE TO BE ANOINTED.

O LORD God, Who by Thy Holy Apostle S. James hast taught us, that if any be sick he should send for the Elders of the Church, who shall pray over him, anointing him with oil in Thy most Holy

Name, and that the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and that if he hath any sins they shall be forgiven him; Look down, O Lord, on me Thine unworthy servant, and give me patience to support the pain and languor of my sickness, strength to resist all the temptations of the enemy, the pardon of all my sins, and that true light by which I may be conducted through the shadow of death to eternal happiness: or if my recovery be expedient for Thy Glory, let this be the means of affecting it. I would receive this holy Rite, O Lord, with a stedfast faith that Thou wilt not forsake me in my distress, but wilt defend me from all evil, and prepare my soul for a happy departure.

By this anointing, O God, and the power of Thy Grace, forgive me all my sins, and convert my heart wholly to Thee, that I may receive death with humble resignation, as the wages of my offences, and so enter into Thine eternal rest, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AFTER HAVING BEEN ANOINTED.

O LORD God, by Thee have I been created, redeemed and sanctified. Thou hast preserved me from manifold dangers, hast nourished me with the Blessed Sacrament of Thy Body and Blood, and suffered me to be hallowed by that holy Anointing Thou hast commended to us in Thy holy Word. For these and all other blessings I would thank and praise Thee with my whole heart. Into Thy Hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Receive me, blessed Saviour, into those loving Arms which were extended on the Cross for my redemption. Thou knowest what is best for me: therefore suffer me not to murmur, but grant me patience to bear whatever Thou seest fit to inflict. Let me receive it, O Lord, as coming from Thy gracious Hand, with an entire acquiescence in Thy Will.

Grant me to die the death of the righteous, and as Thou wast Thyself anointed for Thy burial, so grant that my vile body, losing all its stains and sins in the grave, may also arise after the pattern of Thy glorified Body, there to see and enjoy Thee for ever, in the company of the blessed. Amen.

LET Thy holy Angel, O God, receive my soul from its prison of clay, and carry it to the region of loving and obedient souls in the Bosom of Jesus, there with joy and longing, with assured hope and peaceful charity, to expect the resurrection of the just, and the day of righteous retribution. Amen.

BLESSED Jesu, say unto my soul, "This day shalt thou be with Me in Paradise;" say unto my soul, "Fear not, for it is My Father's good pleasure to give thee the kingdom." Let me dwell in safe and pleasant regions, be supported with the hope of God, rejoice in pardon, be refreshed with the visitation of Angels, and walk in white, wherever Thou, the Lamb, shalt go. Amen.

IN the midst of life we are in death : of whom may we seek for succour, but of Thee, O Lord, Who for our sins art justly displeased ?

Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, deliver us not into the bitter pains of eternal death.

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts ; shut not Thy merciful ears to our prayer : but spare us Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee. Amen.



Litany

For a Holy Death and Merciful Judgment.



O GOD the Father, of Heaven, have mercy upon me a miserable sinner.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon me a miserable sinner.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son, have mercy upon me a miserable sinner.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, three Persons and one God, have mercy upon me a miserable sinner.

O Thou Who didst take upon Thee our flesh, and didst become subject to suffering and sorrow,
Have mercy upon me.

Thou Who didst raise the daughter of Jairus from the bed of death, the widow's son from the bier, Lazarus from the tomb,

Have mercy upon me.

Thou Who didst bear our infirmities and heal our sicknesses,

Have mercy upon me.

Thou Who didst become obedient to death, even the death of the Cross,

Have mercy upon me.

Thou Who didst first breathe into man the breath
of life, and hast appointed the hour of my death,
Have mercy upon me.

I, Thine unworthy servant, beseech Thee, grant me,
That dying unto sin here, I may live unto Thee in
heaven,

Good Jesu, hear me.

That abiding Thy faithful soldier and servant here,
I may receive the crown hereafter,
Good Jesu, hear me.

That I may cheerfully submit to all the suffering of
sickness and death, as the just penalty of my sin,
Good Jesu, hear me.

That Thou wilt be with me in the dark valley of the
shadow of death,
Good Jesu, hear me.

That Thou wouldst not suffer me in my last hour
for any pains of death to fall from Thee,
Good Jesu, hear me.

That Thou wouldst forgive me all my sins, and
strengthen my fainting soul with the Bread of Life,
Good Jesu, hear me.

That Thou wouldst enable me to close my eyes in
Thy faith and fear, in the sure and certain hope of the
resurrection to eternal life,
Good Jesu, hear me.

Deliver me, O Lord, in my last hour, as Thou didst
deliver Enoch and Elijah from the common doom.
So save and deliver me.

As Thou didst deliver Noah from the flood,
So save and deliver me.

As Thou didst deliver Job from his sufferings,
So save and deliver me.

As Thou didst deliver Isaac from the uplifted
knife,
So save and deliver me.

As Thou didst deliver Lot from Sodom,
So save and deliver me.

As Thou didst deliver the children of Israel from
Pharaoh,
So save and deliver me.

As Thou didst deliver Daniel from the den of lions,
So save and deliver me.

As Thou didst deliver the three children from the
burning fiery furnace,
So save and deliver me.

As Thou hast ever delivered the souls of them who
trust in Thee,
So save and deliver me.

Deliver me, O God, on that tremendous day, when
the heavens and the earth shall be moved, when Thou
shalt come to judge the world by fire,
Save and deliver me.

When the judgment shall be set, and the Books be
opened; when the dead, small and great, stand before
Thee,

Save and deliver me.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy upon me.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the
world,

Have mercy upon me.

O Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the
world,

Grant me Thy peace.

OUR Father, &c.

℣. Blessed are the dead,
℟. Which die in the Lord.

HEAR me, O Lord, and remember now the hour when Thou didst commend Thy Blessed Spirit into the hands of Thy Heavenly Father, when with a torn body and broken heart Thou didst show forth Thy mercy and unspeakable loving-kindness towards us miserable sinners. I beseech Thee, O Thou Brightness of the Father's glory, so to assist me by that Thy precious Death, that dying unto this world I may live unto Thee, and that at the last hour of my life Thou mayest receive me into the arms of Thy mercy, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

℣. Lord, hear my prayer,
℟. And let my cry come unto Thee.

MAY the Lord of His mercy grant unto me, with all His faithful servants, eternal rest and peace. Amen.





The Communion of the Sick,

SOMETIMES CALLED VIATICUM.



INTROIT FROM FIRST PRAYER BOOK.

PSALM CXVII. *Laudate Dominum.*

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye heathen : praise Him
all ye nations.

For His merciful kindness is ever more and more
towards us : and the truth of the Lord endureth for
ever. Praise the Lord.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

THE COLLECT.

ALMIGHTY, Everliving God, Maker of mankind,
Who dost correct those whom Thou dost love,
and chastise every one whom Thou dost receive ; we
beseech Thee to have mercy upon this Thy servant
visited with Thine hand, and to grant that *he* may
take *his* sickness patiently, and recover *his* bodily
health, (if it be Thy gracious will ;) and whensoever *his*
soul shall depart from the body, it may be without
spot presented unto Thee ; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. *Amen.*

THE EPISTLE. Heb. xii. 5.

MY son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him. For whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth; and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth.

THE GOSPEL. S. John v. 24.

VERILY, verily I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him That sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

If there be imminent danger.

O GOD, by Whose will the moments of our life run on, accept our prayers and offering for Thy servant . . . that we who are alarmed because of his present danger, may rejoice in his deliverance. Amen. (Gelasius.)

Or otherwise.

ASSIST us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications, and accept the offering which we plead before Thee, on behalf of Thy servant N, who seeketh of Thee salvation and health as of the body, so especially for the soul. O Thou who art men's only refuge in weakness, shew forth Thy saving power upon our sick brother, that he may be restored in safety to Thy Holy Church. Amen. (Gelasius.)

POST-COMMUNION.

O Saviour, Who when about to ascend into the Heavens, didst leave Thy peace to Thy disciples, pour we beseech Thee Thy grace into the heart of this Thy servant, that being fulfilled with the abundant sweetness of Thy presence, through the grace of Thy Holy Spirit, he may bear with patience those pains of body which are the chastisement of sin, remembering how Thou for us sinners didst endure the torment of the Cross, for Thy tender mercy's sake. Amen. (Mozarabic.)

I have found Him Whom my soul loveth ; I will
hold Him fast and will not let Him go.





Thanksgiving for Recovery.



ANTIPHON.—The Lord saveth thy life from destruction.

PSALM CIII. *Benedic, anima mea.*

1 PRAISE the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise His holy name.

2 Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all His benefits.

3 Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;

4 Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;

5 Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; making thee young and lusty as an eagle.

6 The Lord executeth

righteousness and judgment: for all them that are oppressed with wrong.

7 He shewed His ways unto Moses: His works unto the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.

9 He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth He His anger for ever.

10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.

11 For look how high

the heaven is in comparison of the earth : so great is His mercy also toward them that fear Him.

12 Look how wide also the east is from the west : so far hath He set our sins from us.

13 Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children : even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear Him.

14 For He knoweth whereof we are made : He remembereth that we are but dust.

15 The days of man are but as grass : for he flourisheth as a flower of the field.

16 For as soon as the wind goeth over it, it is gone : and the place thereof shall know it no more.

17 But the merciful goodness of the Lord

endureth for ever and ever upon them that fear Him : and His righteousness upon children's children.

18 Even upon such as keep His covenant : and think upon His commandments to do them.

19 The Lord hath prepared His seat in heaven : and His kingdom ruleth over all.

20 O praise the Lord, ye angels of His, ye that excel in strength : ye that fulfil His commandment, and hearken unto the voice of His words.

21 O praise the Lord, all ye His hosts : ye servants of His that do His pleasure.

22 O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of His, in all places of His dominion : praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

ANTIPHON.—The Lord saveth thy life from destruction, and crowneth thee with mercy and loving kindness.

OUR Father, &c.

O GRACIOUS Lord, the God of the spirits of all flesh, I praise and magnify Thee that, in love to my soul, Thou hast restored me again to health.

Thou, O Lord, hast preserved my life from destruction, hast chastened and corrected me, but hast not given me over to death. Let the life Thou hast thus graciously spared, be altogether devoted to Thee. Behold, O Lord, I am, by Thy mercy, made whole; make me careful to sin no more, lest a worse thing come unto me. Enable me so to employ the time Thou shalt allow me, that when the Judge shall appear, I may not be ashamed before Him. O Lord, let Thy late visitation constantly remind me to watch for my Master's Coming; and, when the pleasures of sin shall seek to entice me, make me to remember how bitter they will prove at the last. Hear me, O Lord, and as Thou hast, in much mercy, afforded me time, so grant me also grace, to work out my salvation, and provide oil in my lamp, that when the Bridegroom cometh, I may go in with Him to the Marriage. Grant this, I beseech Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake. Amen.

Or this,

O MOST Gracious God, Who hast in Thy great mercy raised me up from the gates of death, and prolonged my days upon earth; grant that I may devote the life which Thou hast spared wholly to Thy service; let me never forget Thy loving mercies; grant me grace to keep all the resolutions I have made unto Thee; that so I may live as a faithful soldier of the Cross and Minister of Thy Gospel, until I receive the everlasting Crown, which thou hast promised to all who love and serve Thee, for Thy dear Son's sake Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





The Commendation of a Departing Soul, for those who watch by the Dying.



O GOD the Father, of Heaven,
Have mercy upon *him*.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon *him*.
O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father
and the Son,
Have mercy upon *him*.

By the Mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation,
By Thy Holy Nativity and Circumcision,
By Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,
By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat,
By Thy Cross and Passion,
By Thy precious Death and Burial,
By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension,
By the wonderful Coming of the Holy Ghost,
In the hour of death,
In the day of judgment,

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

Lord, have mercy :
Christ, have mercy :
Lord, have mercy.

GO forth, O Christian soul, from this world, in the
Name of God the Father, Who created Thee :
in the Name of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living

God, Who suffered for thee ; in the Name of God the Holy Ghost, Who hath sanctified thee ; in the Name of Angels and Archangels ; of Thrones and Dominations ; in the name of Principalities and powers ; in the name of Cherubim and Seraphim ; in the name of the Patriarchs and Prophets ; in the name of the Holy Apostles and Evangelists ; in the name of the blessed Martyrs and Confessors ; and of all the Saints of God. May thy place be this day in peace, and thine abode in Mount Sion, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O MOST merciful God, Who, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, dost so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that Thou rememberest them no more ; open Thine eye of mercy upon this Thy servant, who most earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness. Renew in *him*, most loving Father, whatsoever hath been decayed by the fraud and malice of the *dévil*, or by *his* own carnal will and frailness ; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church ; consider *his* contrition, accept *his* tears, assuage *his* pain, as shall seem to Thee most expedient for *him*. And forasmuch as *he* putteth *his* full trust only in Thy mercy, impute not unto *him* *his* former sins, but strengthen *him* with Thy blessed Spirit ; and since Thou art pleased to take *him* hence, take *him* unto Thy favour, through the merits of Thy most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE commend thee to Almighty God, dearest *brother*, and commit thee to Him Whose creature thou art, that when thou shalt have paid the debt of humanity by death, thou mayest return to thy Maker, Who formed thee from the dust of the earth. Therefore, as thy soul departeth from the body, may the bright host of angels meet thee ; may the glorious

company of the Apostles greet thee; the noble army of Martyrs welcome thee; and the great multitude which no man can number, clothed in white robes, encompass thee. May Christ Jesus look upon thee in gentleness and love, and set thee for ever amongst those who shall stand before Him, where are no tears, neither sorrow, nor crying. Mayst thou never know the outer darkness, the flame that is not quenched, the worm that dieth not; but let Satan with his apostate angels flee before thee into the vast abyss of eternal night. Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let them also that hate Him flee before Him. Like as the smoke vanisheth, so shalt Thou drive them away, and like as wax melteth at the fire, so let the ungodly perish at the presence of God. May Christ, Who was crucified for thee, deliver thee from eternal death. May Christ, the Son of the Living God, place thee in the ever verdant gardens of His Paradise; and may He the true Shepherd acknowledge thee amongst His Sheep. May He absolve thee from all thy sins, and place thee at His Right Hand; mayst thou behold thy Redeemer face to face, and ever standing in the joy of His Presence, drink of the fount of life eternal, and enjoy the beatific vision for evermore. Amen.

RECEIVE, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, who hath no hope but in Thy mercy. Amen.

Deliver, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant from the bitter pains of eternal death. Amen.

Deliver *him* as Thou didst deliver Enoch and Elijah from the common doom. Amen.

As Thou didst deliver Noah from the flood. Amen.

As Thou didst deliver Job from his distress. Amen.

As Thou didst deliver Isaac from the uplifted knife. Amen.

As Thou didst deliver Lot from Sodom on its day of doom. Amen.

As Thou didst deliver Moses from Egypt. Amen.

As Thou didst deliver Daniel from the lions' den. Amen.

As Thou didst deliver the three children from the burning fiery furnace. Amen.

As Thou hast ever delivered the souls of them who trust in Thee. Amen.

WE commend to Thee, O Lord, the soul of Thy servant, *M.*, and we beseech Thee, O Saviour of the world, that as Thou didst of Thy love come down to earth in mercy to seek it, so Thou wouldst now not refuse it a place in the bosom of Thy Patriarchs. Acknowledge, O Lord, Thy creature, not made by strange gods, but by Thee, the Living and True God, for there is none other beside Thee, and none that can do as Thou doest. Make *him* glad, therefore, O Lord, in Thy sight, and remember not the old sins or the iniquities which through the frailty of the flesh *he* hath committed, but according to Thy great mercy be mindful of *him* in the brightness of Thy glory, that loosed from the bonds of the flesh, *he* may attain unto the glory of the heavenly kingdom, through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who with the Father and the Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth for ever. Amen.

O LORD Jesus Christ, Who by the mouth of Thy Holy Prophet hast said, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee—by that divine Love, which brought Thee down from heaven, to suffer the bitter torments of the Cross for his redemption, we humbly beseech Thee to represent and offer to the Eternal Father that same love, on behalf of Thy servant *N.*, and deliver him from all the pains and sufferings which he has deserved by his sins, and save his soul at the hour of its departure from the body. Open to him the gate of

life ; make him to be numbered with Thy Saints in glory everlasting. O most sweet Jesus, Who hast redeemed him by Thy precious Blood, have mercy upon his soul, and lead him to Thy heavenly Paradise, that he may live with Thee in unclouded love, and may never be separated from the blessed company of Thy saints, nor from Thee, through all eternity, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God world without end. Amen.

The Commendatory Prayer.

O ALMIGHTY God, with Whom do live the spirits of just men made perfect after they are delivered from their earthly prisons, we humbly commend the soul of this Thy servant, our dear *brother*, into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour ; most humbly beseeching Thee, that it may be precious in Thy sight. Wash it, we pray Thee, in the Blood of that immaculate Lamb That was slain to take away the sins of the world ; that whatsoever defilements it may have contracted in the midst of this miserable and naughty world, through the lusts of the flesh, or the wiles of Satan, being purged and done away, it may be presented pure and without spot before Thee. And teach us who survive, in this and other like daily spectacles of mortality, to see how frail and uncertain our condition is ; and so to number our days, that we may seriously apply our hearts to that holy and heavenly wisdom, whilst we live here, which may in the end bring us to life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Lord. Amen.

℣. Eternal rest give unto *him*, O Lord.

℟. And let perpetual light shine upon *him*.

OUR Father, &c.

℣. The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away.
℟. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

When the soul has departed, then let this prayer be said—

TO Thee, O Lord, we commend the soul of Thy servant N., that dead to the world *he* may live to Thee—and whatsoever sins *he* hath committed in this life, do Thou in Thy most merciful goodness pardon, through the merits and mediation of Thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Then in conclusion may be added the following prayer for those present.

GRANT, O Lord, that while we lament the departure of this Thy servant, we may always remember that we are most certainly to follow *him*, and give us grace to prepare for that last hour by a holy life, that we may not be surprised by a sudden death when unprepared, but may be ever watching, so that when Thou shalt call, we may, with the Bridegroom, enter into eternal glory, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.





Titany for the Dying.

From Bishop Andrewes.



O GOD the Father, of heaven ! have mercy upon *him*, keep and defend *him*.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world ; have mercy upon *him*, save and deliver *him*.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son ; have mercy upon *him*, strengthen and comfort *him*.

O Holy, Blessed, and glorious Trinity ; have mercy upon *him*.

Remember not, Lord, *his* offences, nor call to mind the offences of *his* forefathers ; but spare *him*, Lord Jesu, spare Thy servant, whom Thou hast redeemed with Thy most precious Blood, and be not angry with *him* for ever.

Spare *him*, good Lord.

From Thy wrath and heavy indignation, O merciful Father ; from the guilt and burden of *his* sins ; from the dreadful sentence of the last judgment ;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

From the sting and terror of conscience ; from the danger of impatience, distrust or despair ; from the extremity of sickness, anguish, or agony, that may in any way withdraw *his* mind from Thee ;

Good Lord, deliver *him*.

From the bitter pangs of eternal death ; from the

peace, and a part in the blessed resurrection of life and glory.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech Thee to hear us.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, That takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon *him*.

Thou That takest away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon *him*.

Thou That takest away the sins of the world,

Grant *him* Thy peace.

Thou That sittest at the right hand of God the Father,

Have mercy upon *him*.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

Christ, have mercy upon *him*.

Lord, have mercy upon *him*.

OUR Father, &c.

O Lord, deal not with *him* after *his* sins.

Neither reward *him* according to *his* iniquities.

O GOD, merciful Father, That despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as be sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers, which we make before Thee, at such times specially, when our greatest and most grievous extremities are ready to oppress us. And, O Lord, graciously hear us, that those evils, those illusions, terrors, and assaults, which Thine or our enemy worketh against us, may be brought to nought, and by the providence of Thy goodness may be dispersed; that we Thy servants being swallowed up with no temptations, may evermore give thanks unto Thee in Thy Holy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

And, as Thou hast delivered Thy blessed Saints and Servants from all their terrors and torments ;

So deliver *his* soul, and receive it to Thy mercy.

We sinners do beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to remember *him* with the favour Thou bearest unto Thy people, and so visit *him* with Thy salvation.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to save and deliver *his* soul from the power of the enemy ; lest, as a lion, he devour it, and tear it in pieces, if there be none to help.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to be merciful, and to forgive all *his* sins and misdeeds ; which, by the malice of the devil, or by *his* own frailty, *he* hath at any time of *his* life committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in concupiscence of the eye, pride of life, vanity or superfluity, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in the fierceness of *his* wrath, or in the eagerness of an angry spirit, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee not to lay to *his* charge, what in vain and idle words, in the looseness and slipperiness of the tongue, *he* hath committed against Thee.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to make *him* partaker of all Thy mercies and promises in Christ Jesus.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to vouchsafe to *his* soul the estate of joy, bliss, and happiness, with all Thy blessed Saints, in Thy heavenly kingdom.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please Thee to grant *his* body rest and

peace, and a part in the blessed resurrection of life and glory.

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FOR MOURNERS.

Should we have to grieve over the loss of one dear to us, we must remember that our dear Lord grieved over Lazarus, and suffered His blessed Mother to grieve for Him. He knows all our sorrows, and counts all our tears, and in the human sympathy of His Sacred Heart must be our rest, until we rejoin our lost ones in Paradise.

O JESUS, Son of Mary, Who hast worn our throbbing flesh, and shed the frequent tear for us, Who knowest every sigh of the mourner, and countest every tear; Thou only Good; Thou only Wise; Who dost chasten those whom Thou lovest, grant me perfect submission to Thy will, knowing that, as a father pitieth his children, so art Thou merciful to those who fear Thee. Thou Who didst weep over Lazarus's grave, grant that, if I thus weep, I may yet look by Faith to that bright land where Thou art the uncreated Sun; and may so live here through Thy grace, that I may meet *him* who is but gone before in that happy Home, where Thou livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.



means of our Advocate Jesus Christ, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE. 1 *Thess.* iv. 13.

BUT I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

* *The Dies Irae was anciently used as the sequence between Epistle and Gospel.*

DAY of wrath! O day of mourning!
See once more the Cross returning,
Heaven and earth in ashes burning!
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To its Judge an answer making.

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concerning the land of Jordan, and the little hill of Hermon.

9 One deep calleth another, because of the noise of the water-pipes: all Thy waves and storms are gone over me.

10 The Lord hath granted His loving-kindness in the day-time: and in the night-season did I sing of Him, and made my prayer unto the God of my life.

11 I will say unto the God of my strength, Why hast Thou forgotten me: why go I thus heavily,

while the enemy oppresseth me?

12 My bones are smitten asunder as with a sword; while mine enemies that trouble me cast me in the teeth;

13 Namely, while they say daily unto me: Where is now thy God?

14 Why art thou so vexed, O my soul: and why art thou so disquieted within me?

15 O put thy trust in God: for I will yet thank Him, Which is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Repeat the Antiphon.—Grant him, &c.

THE COLLECT.

O MERCIFUL God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, In Whom whosoever believeth, shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Him shall not die eternally; Who also hath taught us, by His holy Apostle S. Paul, not to be sorry, as men without hope, for them that sleep in Him; We humbly beseech Thee, O Father, to raise us from the death of sin unto the life of righteousness, that when we shall depart this life, we may sleep in Him, as our hope is this our *brother* doth, and that at the general resurrection at the last day, both we and this our *brother* departed, receiving again our bodies, and rising again in Thy most gracious favour, may, with all Thine elect saints, obtain eternal joy; Grant this, O Lord God, by the

means of our Advocate Jesus Christ, Who with Thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth one God for ever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE. *1 Thess. iv. 13.*

BUT I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him. For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord Himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

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While the wicked are confounded,
Doomed to flames of woe unbounded,
Call me, with Thy saints surrounded.

Low I kneel, with heart submission :
See, like ashes, my contrition ;
Help me in my last condition.
Ah ! that day of tears and mourning !
From the dust of earth returning,
Man for judgment must prepare him ;
Spare, O God, in mercy spare him !

Lord, Who didst our souls redeem,
Grant a blessed Requiem. Amen.

THE GOSPEL. *S. John vi. 37.*

ALL that the Father giveth Me shall come to Me :
and him that cometh to Me I will in no wise cast out.
For I came down from heaven, not to do Mine own
will, but the will of Him That sent Me. And this is
the Father's will Which hath sent Me, that of all which
He hath given Me I should lose nothing, but should
raise it up again at the last day. And this is the will
of Him That sent Me, that every one which seeth the
Son, and believeth on Him, may have everlasting life :
and I will raise him up at the last day.

AT THE OFFERTORY.

DELIVER me, O God, from eternal death in that
terrible day, when the heavens and the earth shall be
moved :

And Thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.

Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and
horror hath overwhelmed me.

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AFTER COMMUNION.

O LORD Jesus Christ, the Resurrection and the Life, Who when departing from this world, didst leave Thy Flesh and Blood to be our meat and drink, I humbly pray Thee, by this Thy infinite Love, to have mercy on all the faithful departed, (*especially*): bring them to the fountain of life, that they may eat and drink with Thee at Thy Table in Thy Kingdom. Amen.

You may add the sixth portion of the Prayer of S. Ambrose, page 237.

O JESU, our help and our salvation, Who for our sake didst endure such anguish in the Garden, that Thy Sweat was as it were great drops of Blood falling down to the ground, I humbly entreat Thee, by this Thy most precious Blood, have mercy upon the soul of our dear *brother* departed. Deliver *him* from all evil, and wipe away all tears from *his* eyes, Who livest and reignest for ever and ever. Amen.

At the close of the Service, during the Ablutions, and while they prepare to bear the body to the churchyard.

WE commend unto Thy Mercy, most merciful Father, the soul of this our *brother* departed *N.*, (and *his* body we commit to the earth), beseeching Thine infinite goodness, to give us grace to live in Thy fear and love, and to die in Thy favour: that when the Judgment shall come, which Thou hast committed to Thy well-beloved Son, both this our *brother*, and we may be found acceptable in Thy sight, and receive that blessing which Thy well-beloved Son

By Thine Agony and Bloody Sweat, by Thy Cross
and Passion, by Thy Precious Death and Burial ;

Grant them eternal rest.

By Thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension, and
by the coming of the Holy Ghost ;

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We sinners beseech Thee to hear us.

That Thou wilt hasten the day when Thou wilt ad-
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We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wilt hear the prayers and alms of Thy
Church, and regard the Sacrifice we present upon
their behalf at Thine earthly Altar ;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst crown their longing desires with
fruition, and admit them into Thy Sanctuary, where
nothing unclean can enter ;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst have mercy upon the souls of
our fathers and ancestors, who have departed this life
in Thy faith and fear ;

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That Thou wouldst grant a place of refreshment,
light, and peace to the souls of our relations and
friends, whom Thou hast caused to depart in the hope
of a blessed resurrection ;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst remember those who have left
no name on earth, but yet form part of Thy Mystical
Body ;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

That Thou wouldst hasten the day when we, with
all the faithful, shall receive our perfect consummation
and bliss in Thine eternal and everlasting glory ;

We beseech Thee, hear us.

King of tremendous Majesty ;

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Son of God ;

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Litany for the Faithful Departed.



O GOD the Father, of heaven ; have mercy upon the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world ; have mercy upon the souls of the faithful departed.

O God the Holy Ghost, proceeding from the Father and the Son ; have mercy upon the souls of the faithful departed.

O Holy, Blessed, and Glorious Trinity, Three Persons and one God ; have mercy upon the souls of the faithful departed.

O Thou Who hast the keys of hell and death, and art the Resurrection and the Life ;

Grant them eternal rest.

O Thou Who didst spare Magdalene, Who didst pardon Peter though he denied Thee, Who didst hear the dying thief on the Cross ;

Grant them eternal rest.

O Thou Who didst bruise the serpent's head, Who didst die for our sins, didst rise for our justification, and ever livest to make intercession for us ;

Grant them eternal rest.

By the Mystery of Thy Holy Incarnation, by Thy Holy Nativity and Circumcision, by Thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation ;

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℟. Grant them Thine eternal peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

OUR Father, &c.

℣. From the gates of hell,

℟. Deliver their souls, O Lord.

℣. Eternal rest give unto them,

℟. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

℣. Lord, hear our prayer ;

℟. And let our cry come unto Thee.

Let us pray.

O ALMIGHTY God, unto Whom all live, we beseech Thee to remember the spirits of all flesh who have departed this life in the hope of Thy Appearing, especially our parents, friends, kinsfolk, and benefactors. Grant them, O Lord, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and peace in the bosom of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, where all sighing and sadness are banished away, and the Light of Thy Countenance shineth for ever. Amen.

HASTEN, O Lord, the day when Thou shalt send Him Whom Thou wilt send, at Whose coming the heaven and earth shall be moved. Under the veil

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